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Depicted on the cover of the Fiscal Year 2011 Unified Judicial System Annual Report is the courtroom of the old Monroe County Courthouse in Monroeville, Alabama. Designed by architect Andrew J. Bryan, the courthouse was constructed in 1903-1904 by M. T. Lewman and Company of Louisville, Kentucky. The construction costs of nearly bankrupted Monroe County. It served as the Monroe County Courthouse until 1963. An exact replica of its courtroom was constructed on a Hollywood set for the filming of the 1962 classic movie *To Kill a Mockingbird*, based on Monroeville native Nelle Harper Lee's novel of the same title. In the 1990s, the courthouse was restored and now houses the Monroe County Heritage Museum.

# ALABAMA'S UNIFIED JUDICIAL SYSTEM

The Judicial Article Implementation Act of 1975 (Act No. 1975-1205) revised the Alabama Court System and prescribed the pattern for its operation. The major changes included:

- Over four hundred trial courts were reorganized into a unified system;
- Judges were required to be attorneys, with the exception of probate judges;
- Uniform jurisdictions were established for all trial courts;
- Judges were prohibited from re-election or appointment after the age of seventy;
- Authority was granted to the Supreme Court of Alabama to adopt rules pertaining to the administration of courts as well as governing practice and procedure;
- Provisions for the adoption of the *Canons of Judicial Ethics*;
- Provisions for the flexible assignment of judges;
- A central judicial administration system was built into the Alabama Constitution;
- Provisions for a Judicial Compensation Commission; and
- The creation of the Judicial Inquiry Commission and the Court of the Judiciary.

Amendment 328 of the Alabama Constitution of 1901 further provided for the exclusive judicial power of the State to be vested in a Unified Judicial System, to become effective January 17, 1977. Today, the Supreme Court of Alabama, the Court of Criminal Appeals, the Court of Civil Appeals, and the Administrative Office of Courts all operate within a single location in Montgomery, Alabama.

The Alabama Constitution, in addition to providing for the appellate courts of the State, provides for a trial court of general jurisdiction, known as the circuit court; a trial court for limited jurisdiction known as the district court; a probate court; and such municipal courts as may be provided by law.

The State of Alabama is divided into 41 judicial circuits, numbered and composed of counties in the same region. Jury trials within the State of Alabama occur at the circuit court level.

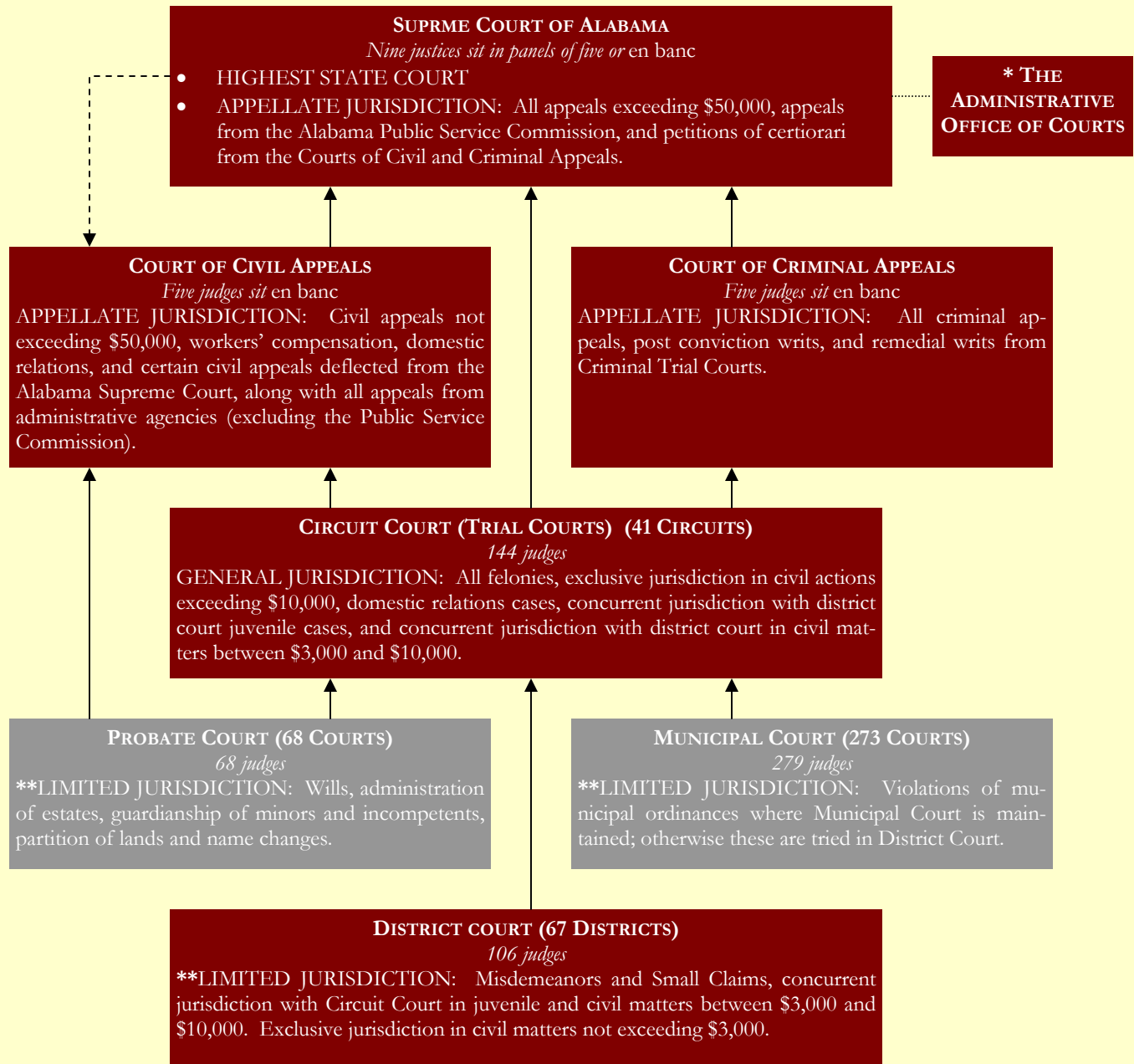
There is an office of the circuit clerk in each of the sixty-seven counties and one in the Bessemer Division of Jefferson County. The duties of the circuit clerk includes the filing, processing, and maintenance of all court records. The circuit clerk is responsible for the same duties as they apply to the district court when there is no clerk appointed to the office of district clerk. There is currently only one district clerk in the State of Alabama.

Sessions of the district court are required to be held in each county seat. Although the district court is considered to be a “court of record,” transcripts or reports of the court proceedings are not required by law. All cases are tried without a jury.

Any given municipality of the State of Alabama, if it elects to do so, holds its own court proceedings according to the limitations provided by law. If the municipal court is abolished by that governing body, jurisdiction is transferred to the appropriate district court.

The probate courts in each county of the State have original and general jurisdictions over very specific matters delineated by statute. While constitutionally a part of the Alabama Judicial System, the probate courts are not included in the system’s budget and are administered locally by the respective probate judge. Funding is generated through the county governments or through fees generated in probate court.

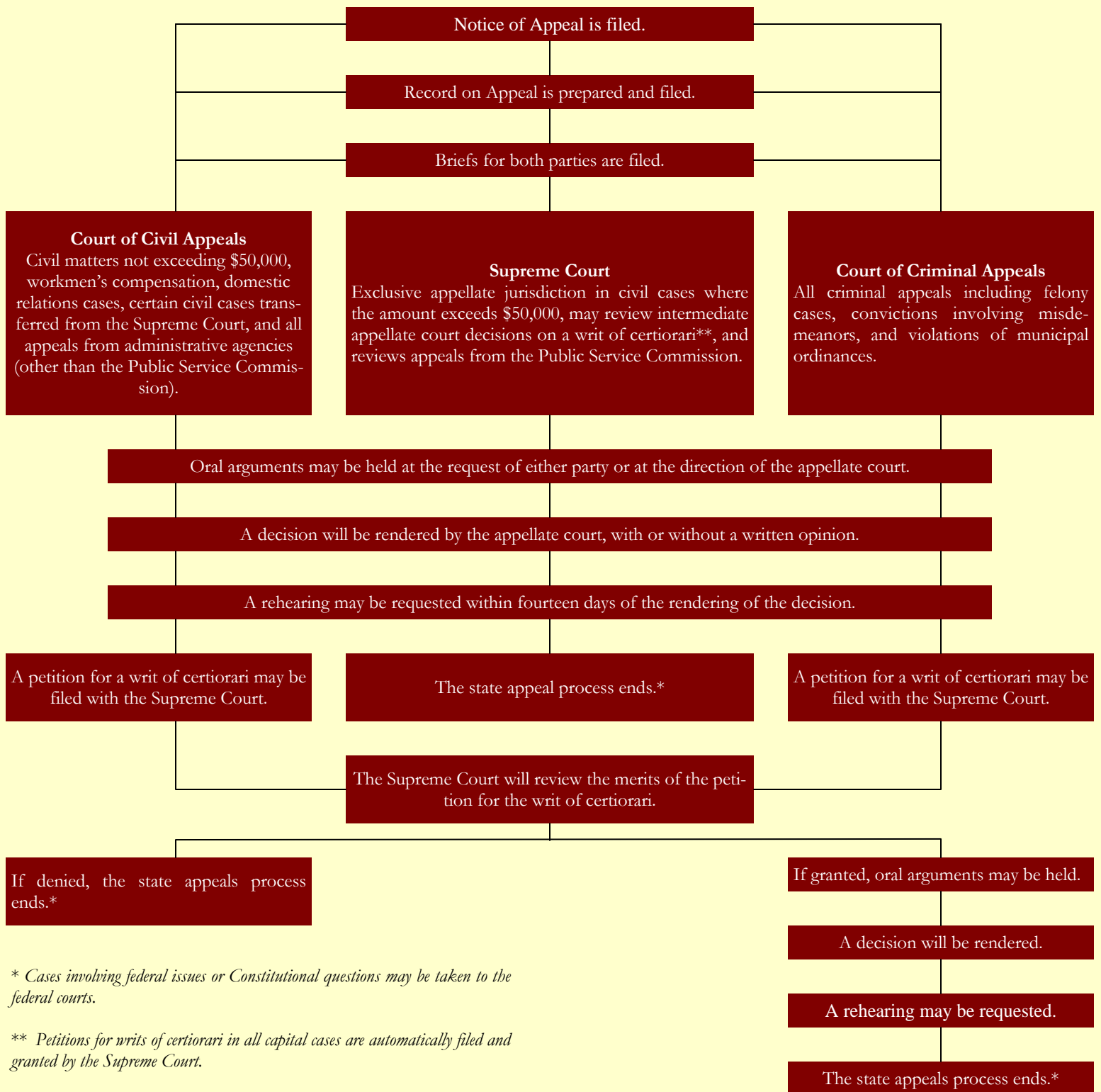
# ALABAMA'S UNIFIED JUDICIAL SYSTEM STRUCTURE AND JURISDICTION



\* *Under the administrative authority of the Chief Justice.*

\*\* *Appeals from courts of limited jurisdiction go to Circuit Court for trial de novo (a new trial).*

# THE APPELLATE PROCESS IN THE STATE OF ALABAMA





# THE SUPREME COURT OF ALABAMA



Seated, from left to right: Justice Michael F. Bolin, Justice Thomas A. Woodall, Chief Justice Charles R. Malone, Justice Lyn Stuart, and Justice Tom Parker.  
Standing, from left to right: Justice James Allen Main, Justice Glenn Murdock, Justice Greg Shaw, and Justice A. Kelli Wise.

**T**he Supreme Court of Alabama, Alabama's court of last resort, is composed of a Chief Justice and eight Associate Justices. All members of the Court are elected in statewide elections to six-year terms. The Supreme Court has general supervisory authority over all courts in the State and power to review any judgment of these courts. In addition, the Supreme Court has the authority to make administrative rules and regulations to ensure the efficient and speedy administration of justice and to make and promulgate rules governing practice and procedure in all courts in the state.

To facilitate the decision-making process, the Supreme Court has traditionally been divided into two divisions with a panel of four associate justices

each. The Chief Justice sits on both divisions. If the five members of a division disagree on the disposition of a particular case, the case must be submitted to the entire Court for resolution. The Court's internal rules require consideration by the full Court of petitions for certiorari review in capital cases in which the death penalty is imposed, cases declaring a statute unconstitutional, advisory opinions to the Governor or the Legislature, utility rate cases, cases overruling a previous decision of the Supreme Court, and petitions for certiorari review in instances where the Supreme Court is reversing a judgment of the Court of Criminal Appeals or the Court of Civil Appeals. The Supreme Court disposed of a total of 1,652 cases during fiscal year 2011. Of that total, 608

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of the cases were direct appeals and 712 were petitions for writ of certiorari. The Court considered 297 petitions for writ of mandamus, 2 certified questions, 1 advisory opinion, and 5 miscellaneous petitions. The Supreme Court transferred (“deflected”), pursuant to §12-2-7(6), *Code of Alabama* 1975, 225 appeals to the Court of Civil Appeals.

## APPELLATE MEDIATION IN THE SUPREME COURT OF ALABAMA AND THE COURT OF CIVIL APPEALS

Appellate Mediation in the Supreme Court of Alabama and the Court of Civil Appeals began in January 2004, when the Supreme Court of Alabama initiated an appellate mediation program for any civil case within the jurisdiction of the Supreme Court of Alabama or the Court of Civil Appeals and adopted the Alabama Rules of Appellate Mediation.

The program screens civil cases, identifying those cases appropriate for mediation. If a case is referred to mediation, mediation is mandatory but settlement is not. This program gives the parties an opportunity to discuss alternatives to the judgment entered by the trial court and possible ruling by the appellate court. Rather than have a situation where only one party wins and the other loses, the parties can work out a solution amenable to both. Because cases are usually referred to mediation prior to the record preparation and briefing, mediation has the added benefit of reducing the cost of litigation.

The program has proven to be a great success. Of the Supreme Court cases referred to mediation since the program’s inception in January 2004, an average of 52% of the cases have settled. The same percentage is true for cases referred from the Court of Civil Appeals. Similarly, 58% of the Workers’ Compensation cases referred by the Court of Civil Appeals have settled.

## MEDIATION STATISTICS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2011

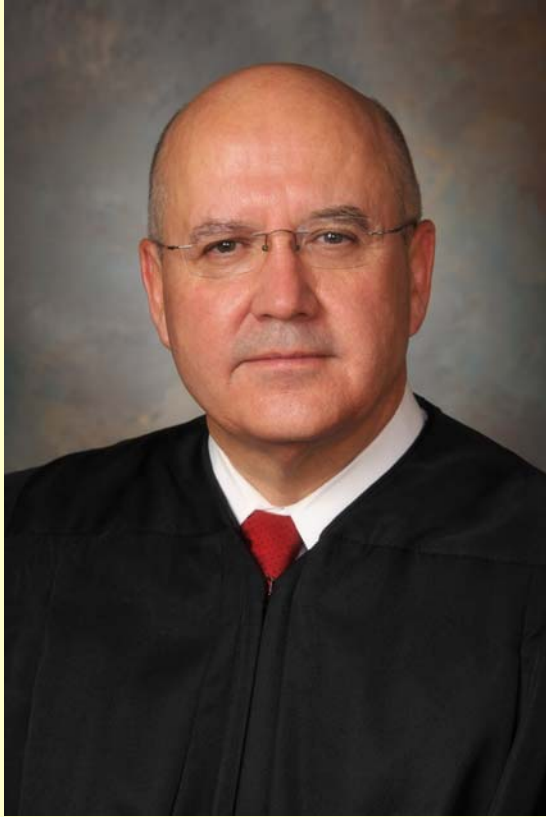
	Supreme Court of Alabama	Alabama Court of Civil Appeals
Total Number of Eligible Appeals Screened for Mediation	189	292
Pre-Screening*	0	0
Reinstated (No Referral)	101	121
In Process (Appeals referred to Mediation)	8	14
Taken Out of Process**	0	1
Total Referred Mediations	80	156
Settled	40 (50.00%)	72 (46.15%)
Partial	2 (2.50%)	1 (0.64%)
Impasse	38 (47.50%)	83 (53.21%)

\*Pre-Screening — These are eligible appeals that have been sent a Case-Screening Form and Confidential Statement, but have not yet been referred to mediation.

\*\*Taken Out of Process — These are appeals that have been removed from the mediation docket due to extraneous circumstances (i.e., withdrawal of counsel, bankruptcy, etc.)



# JUSTICES OF THE SUPREME COURT OF ALABAMA



**Chief Justice Charles R. (Chuck) Malone** was born in 1954 in Tuscaloosa, Alabama. He graduated from Tuscaloosa High School in 1972.

Chief Justice Malone received his B.S. in Commerce and Business Administration from the University of Alabama in 1975 and his Doctor of Jurisprudence from Cumberland School of Law in 1981.

After being admitted to the Alabama State Bar, Chief Justice Malone entered private practice in his hometown of Tuscaloosa and practiced law for twenty years, handling cases in both state and federal courts. During that time, he served in various capacities of the Tuscaloosa County Bar Association, including Bar President.

In 2000, Chief Justice Malone was elected as a circuit judge in the Sixth Judicial Circuit and was re-elected in 2006. During his terms as circuit judge, he

was elected twice by the judges of the Sixth Circuit to be presiding judge, once in 2003 and again in 2010.

While serving as a circuit judge, Chief Justice Malone also taught as an adjunct professor at the University of Alabama School of Law and the University of Alabama's Culverhouse College of Commerce and Business Administration. Additionally, he was a guest instructor at the Alabama Peace Officers Standards and Training Commission Law Enforcement Academy for eight years.

In January 2011, Chief Justice Malone left the circuit bench to serve as Chief of Staff for Governor Robert Bentley.

In August 2011, Chief Justice Malone was appointed Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Alabama by Governor Bentley.

Chief Justice Malone is a former member of the West Alabama Easter Seals Rehabilitation Center Volunteer Steering Committee and a YMCA Little League coach. He has been a deacon, an adult Sunday school teacher, and a trustee of the First Baptist Church of Tuscaloosa. He has served as director of the First Baptist Church Foundation.

Chief Justice Malone is married to the former Terri Avery. They are the parents of two adult children.

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**Associate Justice Thomas A. (Tom) Woodall** was born in 1950 in Meridian, Mississippi. He graduated from Meridian Senior High School with highest honors and as a National Merit Semifinalist.

Justice Woodall graduated *magna cum laude* from Millsaps College in 1972 with a B.A. degree in history. At Millsaps, Justice Woodall was inducted into several honorary societies, including Omicron Delta Kappa (leadership) and Eta Sigma Phi (scholarship). Also, he was recognized by Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities.

Justice Woodall received his law degree from the University of Virginia School of Law in 1975. While in law school, he was employed as an editor at the Michie Company, where he was involved in revising or updating legal publications.

In 1975, Justice Woodall became employed by the Birmingham firm of Rives and Peterson where

he remained until 1991. While serving as that firm's managing partner, Justice Woodall was recognized by the Birmingham Business Journal as one of its "Top 40 Under 40." From 1991 to 1996, Justice Woodall practiced with the Birmingham firm of Woodall and Maddox, P.C. His practice focused on civil litigation in state and federal trial and appellate courts.

Justice Woodall has been very active in professional activities. He was elected to serve on the executive committee of the Birmingham Bar Association and chaired several of that association's committees. He served on the Alabama Pattern Jury Instruction-Civil Committee from his appointment by the Alabama Supreme Court in 1985 until his election to the Supreme Court. Justice Woodall has delivered many continuing legal education presentations focusing on appellate and trial practice.

In February 1996, Governor Fob James appointed Justice Woodall as a Circuit Judge in Jefferson County. He was elected in 1998 without opposition. In 2000, Justice Woodall was elected Associate Justice of the Alabama Supreme Court. In 2006 Justice Woodall was re-elected Associate Justice of the Alabama Supreme Court.

Since Justice Woodall took office, the Alabama Law Foundation has inducted him as a Fellow. Also, Justice Woodall has been inducted as a member of the American Board of Trial Advocates.

Justice Woodall and the former Debbie Bogan, a teacher, married in 1972. They have three children - Scott, Matthew, and Claire. Justice Woodall has been involved in numerous community and church activities.

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**Associate Justice Lyn Stuart** is a native of Atmore, Alabama, attended public schools and graduated from Escambia County High School. She received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Sociology and Education from Auburn University with high honor in 1977 and her Juris Doctor degree from The University of Alabama School of Law in 1980. She served as Secretary of the Student Bar Association, was a member of the John A. Campbell Moot Court Board and received the Dean's Service Award at graduation.

Upon graduation from law school Justice Stuart worked as an Assistant Attorney General for the State of Alabama under former Attorney General Charles Graddick. She also served as Executive Assistant to the Commissioner and Special Assistant Attorney General for the State Department of Corrections. Upon moving to Baldwin County, she became an Assistant District Attorney for Baldwin County on the staff of District Attorney David Whetstone.

In 1988, she was elected District Judge, and was re-elected in 1994. Governor Fob James appointed Justice Stuart to the Circuit bench in January 1997. She was elected, without opposition, to a six year term in 1998.

Justice Stuart was invited and served as a Faculty Advisor at the National Judicial College in Reno, Nevada. She is a past president of the Alabama Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges. She has served as a national speaker for the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges, training judges and other professionals on the handling of child abuse and neglect cases. She served as President of the Blue Ridge Institute for Juvenile and Family Court Judges in 2002.

Justice Stuart and her husband, George, have two sons, Tucker and Shepard, and a daughter, Kelly. She is a member and past president of several civic organizations: the Heritage Junior Women's Club, the Bay Minette Kiwanis Club; and the Jubilee Woman's Club. She serves on the Board of Directors of the Alabama Federation of Women's Clubs. Lyn and George are members of the First United Methodist Church of Bay Minette, where Lyn has served as a member of the Administrative Board and the Board of Trustees and teaches a young adult Sunday School class.

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**Associate Justice Michael F. Bolin** was born in, and is a lifetime resident of, Jefferson County, Alabama. He attended elementary school in Birmingham, being accepted into the first magnet school for scholastic achievement. He then attended Homewood Junior High School and graduated from Shades Valley High School in 1966 as a member of the National Honor Society. In 1970 he received his B.S. in Business Administration from Samford University. In 1973 he received his J.D. from Cumberland School of Law, graduating *cum laude*. At Cumberland he was on the Dean's List and served as Associate Editor of the Cumberland Law Review. He was later inducted into Curia Honoris, Cumberland's leadership and honor society.

Justice Bolin was a practicing attorney in Birmingham from 1973 until 1988, when he was elected

as Probate Judge of Jefferson County. He was re-elected to that position in 1994 and 2000. He served in that position until his election to the Supreme Court of Alabama in 2004, and began serving as an associate justice in January 2005.

Justice Bolin was active in the Alabama Probate Judges Association, serving as chairman of various association committees. He was elected by his peers as President, Secretary, and Treasurer of the Probate Judges Association. He served on the Children's Code Committee, Probate Procedures Committee, Adoption Committee, and Paternity Committee of the Alabama Law Institute. He authored the Putative Father Registry law in Alabama, which protects the rights of all parties in adoption proceedings. He received the national award from the "Angels of Adoption" organization in Washington, D.C., in 2000 for his service to adoptive families. He additionally served as Chief Election Official, Chairman of the Alabama Electronic Voting Committee, and as Vice Chairman of the Governor's Commission on Consolidation, Efficiency, and Funding in 2003. He is a member of the Vestavia-Hoover Kiwanis Club.

Justice Bolin and his wife, Rosemary, have one daughter, Leigh Anne. They attend St. Peter the Apostle Church in Hoover.

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**Associate Justice Tom Parker** was elected to the Supreme Court of Alabama in 2004.

He previously was the Deputy Administrative Director of Courts, where he served as General Counsel for the Alabama court system, advising trial court judges, and as the Director of the Alabama Judicial College, providing training for new judges and continuing legal education for all the trial judges in Alabama. He also served as the Legal Advisor to the Chief Justice.

Parker graduated *cum laude* from Dartmouth College, Hanover, New Hampshire, and received his Juris Doctor from Vanderbilt University School of Law, in Nashville, Tennessee. He won a Rotary International Fellowship to study law at the University of Sao Paulo School of Law, in Sao Paulo, Brazil, where he was the first foreign law student in Brazil's most prestigious law school.

Justice Parker served in the Alabama Attorney General's Office under then Alabama Attorneys General Jeff Sessions and Bill Pryor. As an Assistant Attorney General, he handled death penalty cases, criminal appeals, and constitutional litigation. He has extensive experience in writing appellate briefs and with oral arguments before the Supreme Court and the Court of Criminal Appeals. Previously, he was a partner in Parker & Kotouc, P.C., a Montgomery law firm that handled many high-profile constitutional cases.

Tom Parker was founding Executive Director of the Alabama Family Alliance (now the Alabama Policy Institute) and, later, the founding Executive Director of the Alabama Family Advocates, which were state organizations associated with Dr. James Dobson and Focus on the Family. He lobbied for family values in the Alabama Legislature. Parker has appeared on *Focus on the Family* with Dr. James Dobson, *The 700 Club* with Dr. Pat Robertson, *The MacNeil/Leher News Hour*, *For the Record*, and numerous radio programs around the country.

Justice Parker is a Montgomery native—the son of the late Tommy Parker and Gloria Parker Pennington, and the step-son of Harry L. Pennington of Huntsville. He was elected Student Body President at Montgomery's Sidney Lanier High School and Speaker of the House of both YMCA Youth Legislature and Boys' State.

Justice Parker and his wife, the former Dottie James of Auburn, have been married for 28 years. Dottie served as Supervisor of the Alabama Governor's Mansion during the administration of Alabama Governor Fob James. They are members of Frazer Memorial United Methodist Church.



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**Associate Justice Glenn Murdock** was born in Enterprise, Alabama, on June 25, 1956. He is the oldest of three children of Billy A. Murdock and the late Marita Huey Murdock.

After graduating from Enterprise High School in 1974, Justice Murdock attended the University of Alabama, where he served as Student Government Vice President. He graduated Phi Beta Kappa and *summa cum laude* in 1978, with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science and Economics. He received his Juris Doctor in 1981 from the University of Virginia School of Law.

Upon returning to Alabama, Justice Murdock served for a year as a law clerk to the late Clarence W. Allgood, United States District Judge for the Northern District of Alabama. Thereafter, he engaged in private practice, emphasizing in commercial,

constitutional, and election law. He also served as in-house counsel to a national corporation and as a State Administrative Law Judge. His practice included cases before the state and federal courts of Alabama, as well as the Eleventh Circuit Court of Appeals. In 1994 and 1995, he served as an attorney to the Honorable Perry O. Hooper, Sr., in the successful year-long federal court litigation to establish the lawful winner of the 1994 Alabama Chief Justice election.

In 2000, Justice Murdock was elected to the Alabama Court of Civil Appeals, where he served from January 2001 to January 2007. He was elected to the Supreme Court of Alabama in 2006 and began serving on that Court in January 2007.

Justice Murdock has been married for 30 years to the former Margaret Gilchrist of Hartselle, Alabama. They have three children, and they are active members of Covenant Presbyterian Church of Birmingham. Justice Murdock is a member of the Rotary Club of Birmingham and the Birmingham and American Bar Associations.



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**Associate Justice James Gregory "Greg" Shaw**, the son of James Hubert and Ruth Cooper Shaw, was born in 1957 and raised in Birmingham, where he graduated from Banks High School. The Shaw family roots extend into neighboring Shelby County, where his father, a retired businessman and a longtime member of the KeyMasters Gospel Quartet, was born and raised. To this day, the Shaw family name in Alabama is synonymous with great gospel singing.

Justice Shaw graduated from Auburn University in 1979, receiving a B.S. degree with a major in Chemistry. He is married to S. Samantha "Sam" Shaw, the daughter of June Daly Slimp and the late William M. Slimp of Homewood. Justice Shaw met Sam while at Auburn, and they married in 1980, just before Justice Shaw's second year of law school. Sam was elected Alabama's State Auditor in 2006.

In 1982, Justice Shaw graduated in the top 10% of his class from Samford University's Cumberland School of Law. While at Cumberland, he received the American Jurisprudence Award for excellence in the

study of evidence under Professor Charles Gamble, the author of the preeminent evidence treatise in Alabama.

After his admission to the Alabama State Bar in 1982, Justice Shaw worked for a small law firm in St. Clair County. He later started his own general law practice in Birmingham. In the fall of 1984, Justice Shaw joined the staff of Supreme Court Associate Justice Janie L. Shores and moved to Montgomery. After serving as Justice Shores' staff attorney for one year, he joined the staff of Supreme Court Associate Justice Gorman Houston, Jr., in the fall of 1985, where he served as Justice Houston's senior staff attorney for over 15 years. Justice Shaw was elected to the Alabama Court of Criminal Appeals in 2000 and was reelected to that Court in 2006. On March 16, 2007, Justice Shaw was appointed Chief Judge of the Alabama Court of the Judiciary. Justice Shaw served on both the Alabama Court of Criminal Appeals and the Alabama Court of the Judiciary until January 20, 2009, when, after being elected in 2008, he assumed the office of Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of Alabama.

Justice Shaw completed the Master of Laws program at the University of Virginia School of Law in 2004, receiving the degree of Master of Laws (LL.M.) in the Judicial Process. He graduated with 30 other state and federal judges selected nationwide, and he is one of only three judges from Alabama to participate in the program. Justice Shaw is an Honorary Master of the Bench of the Hugh Maddox Inn of Court in Montgomery, and the Alabama State Bar's Committee on Archives and History.

Justice and Mrs. Shaw have two sons. Gregory is a Captain in the United States Army. Captain Shaw graduated from the United States Military Academy at West Point in 2007 with a degree in engineering. Christopher, "CJ," graduated in May 2009 from Georgia Tech with an honors degree in Mechanical Engineering. Justice Shaw and Sam live in Montgomery, where they are members of Frazer Memorial United Methodist Church.

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**Associate Justice James Allen (Jim) Main** currently serves as Justice of the Supreme Court of Alabama. He previously served as Judge on the Alabama Court of Criminal Appeals.

During Governor Bob Riley's administration (2004-2009), he served as Director of Finance for the State of Alabama. Prior to becoming Finance Director in 2004, Main served as Senior Counsel to Governor Riley and Chief of Staff and Legal Advisor to Governor Fob James. Other public service includes terms as Anniston City Attorney, Lineville City Judge, and City Attorney for Oxford, Alabama.

Main was in private law practice in Anniston (beginning in 1972) and Montgomery (beginning in 1989). During the active practice of law, he handled numerous precedent-setting cases before the Supreme Court of Alabama and the United States Supreme Court.

Justice Main is a member of a number of professional organizations including the Alabama State Bar, presently serves as a founding Fellow of the Alabama Law Foundation, past-President of the American Pharmacists Association, past-Chairman of the Dean's Counsel for the Auburn University School of Pharmacy, and a past member of the Alabama Commission on Higher Education. He is actively involved in his local church and has served as Sunday school teacher, deacon, and short-term missionary.

Judge Main has received numerous awards, including the Parke Davis Leadership Award; the Bowl of Hygeia, the most widely recognized international symbol for the profession of pharmacy today; the Distinguished Alumnus Award from Auburn University School of Pharmacy; and the President's Award from the American Society of Pharmacy and Law. He has long served on various and state boards and commissions and was named Outstanding Young Man of Anniston in 1975 for his contribution to the community.

He has been married to Gale for 45 years, is the father of Jay Main, Saxon Main, and Ashley Parker, and is the proud grandfather of Mary Katherine, Mac, MacLeod, Tom, and James Walker.

Justice Main received a bachelor of science degree in pharmacy from Auburn University and a juris doctorate from the University of Alabama.

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**Associate Justice A. Kelli Wise**, the daughter of Colonel Bobby W. Wise and the late Betty Mathis Wise, was born in Geneva, Alabama, and raised in Dale and Autauga Counties.

Justice Wise, a graduate of Prattville High School, received a B.S. in Biology, with a minor in Nursing, from Auburn University in 1985 and a Juris Doctorate from Jones School of Law in 1994. She earned a Master of Public Administration from Auburn University Montgomery in 2000 and was named the 2005 Outstanding Graduate by the AUM Department of Political Science and Public Administration. Recently, Justice Wise was named as one of AUM's Top 40 in 40 during the University's 40th Anniversary Celebration.

During her legal career, Justice Wise worked in the Governor's Legislative Office (James Administration), served as legal counsel for ProStaff HRM, Inc., and was associated with the law firms of John Taber & Associates and Pittman, Pittman, Carwie & Fu-

quay. Prior to her election to the bench, she served as a staff attorney on the Court of Criminal Appeals and the Supreme Court of Alabama. Justice Wise was first elected to the Alabama Court of Criminal Appeals in 2000 becoming the youngest woman elected to sit on an Alabama Appellate Court. She was re-elected in 2006 and became Presiding Judge of the Court of Criminal Appeals in 2008. While on the bench Judge Wise has written and reviewed over 20,000 cases including key appellate decisions that ultimately helped to protect victims and strengthened Alabama's criminal laws. Justice Wise was elected to the Supreme Court of Alabama in 2010 where she received the highest vote of any contested statewide candidate.

Committed to helping at-risk children, Justice Wise was appointed by Governor Bob Riley to serve on the Alabama Council of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention in 2003 and reappointed in 2006. She is involved in several civic, charitable, and professional organizations including the Alabama State Bar Association, the Alabama Wildlife Federation, the Montgomery Symphony League, and the Capital City Republican Women. Justice Wise currently serves on the Alabama Law Institute Criminal Code committee tasked with helping to re-write the Alabama Criminal Code, and the Advisory Committee on Criminal Procedure. In addition, Justice Wise is active in the Montgomery Junior League and serves on the board of directors of the Family Sunshine Center, Distinguished Young Women of Alabama, and Max Credit Union.

Justice Wise and her husband Arthur Ray, a former Montgomery County District Court Judge, are the proud parents of Hanah-Mathis, a fifth grader at St. James School. They are active members of St. James United Methodist School.

# CLERK OF THE SUPREME COURT OF ALABAMA



**Robert Graham Esdale, Sr.**, is a native of Birmingham. He graduated from the Gulf Coast Military Academy and served two years in the United States Army. He attended the University of Alabama where he received a B.S. in law in 1953 and an LL.B. in 1954.

Mr. Esdale practiced as a trial lawyer for twenty years before becoming Vice-President and General Counsel of Moore-Handley, Inc. (Homecrafters) where he served until November 1983. He served as Municipal Judge of the town of Pelham from 1975-1983. He became the Clerk of the Supreme Court of Alabama on November 21, 1983.

During his practice, he served as a member of the American, Alabama, and Birmingham Bar Associations, the Alabama Trial Lawyers Association, the American Judicature Society, the Association of Corporate Counsel, and the Alabama Municipal Judges Association. Mr. Esdale also served on the Alabama

State Bar Committee on the revision of the Criminal Code.

Mr. Esdale is a member of the Saint Mary's on the Highlands Episcopal Church. He is married to the former Susanne Sageser Flack, and they have six children: Graham, James, and Phillip Esdale, Mary Masoner, Wesley Lister, and Hunter Flack.

# THE SUPREME COURT OF ALABAMA

## FILINGS & DISPOSITIONS REPORT

*OCTOBER 1, 2010 THROUGH OCTOBER 1, 2011*

Case Type	Cases Filed	Cases Disposed	Avg. Days to Disp. *	Through-put	Pending at Start	Pending at End	Net Change
Advisory Opinion	2	1	18	50.00%	0	1	1
Direct Appeal	588	608	207	103.40%	356	335	-21
Alabama State Bar Petition	2	1	14	50.00%	0	1	1
Certified Question	6	2	219	33.33%	2	6	4
Petition for Writ of Certiorari to the Court of Criminal Appeals	445	481	107	108.08%	148	112	-36
Petition for Writ of Certiorari to the Court of Criminal Appeals (DEATH PEN-ALTY)	14	29	1,151	207.14%	97	82	-15
Petition for Writ of Certiorari to the Court of Civil Appeals	191	202	139	105.75%	72	61	-11
Miscellaneous Criminal Petition	5	4	10	80.00%	1	2	1
Miscellaneous Civil Petition	1	1	61	100.00%	0	0	0
PET: UNKNOWN	7	6	59	85.71%	0	1	1
Petition for Permission to Appeal	15	20	309	133.33%	8	3	-5
Petition for Writ of Mandamus: Criminal	77	78	50	101.29%	20	19	-1
Petition for Writ of Mandamus: Civil	221	219	181	99.09%	75	76	1
<b>REPORT TOTAL</b>	<b>1,574</b>	<b>1,652</b>	<b>194</b>	<b>104.95%</b>	<b>779</b>	<b>669</b>	<b>-80</b>

Cases Disposed by Deflection: 225 13.61%

CASES DISPOSED THROUGH MEDIATION 37  
CASES DISPOSED AFTER REINSTATEMENT FROM MEDIATION 169

#### DECISIONS IN DISPOSED CASES:

# of Decisions WITHOUT OPINION: 1,455  
# of Decisions WITH OPINION: 197

#### REHEARINGS:

# of Rehearings FILED: 101  
# of Rehearing RULINGS: 77

#### REINSTATEMENTS:

Number of Reinstated Cases: 11  
Number of Reinstated Cases Disposed: 11

\* Calculations based on the number of days from the start of the case to the finalizing entry in the docket, normally the issuance of the Certificate of Judgment.



# ALABAMA COURT OF CRIMINAL APPEALS



Seated, from left to right: Judge Mary Becker Windom, Presiding Judge Samuel Henry Welch, and Judge J. Elizabeth Kellum.  
Standing, from left to right: Liles C. Burke and J. Michael Joiner.

**T**he Alabama Court of Criminal Appeals is a five-judge court having exclusive appellate jurisdiction of all criminal cases, including all post-conviction writs arising therefrom. The Court has authority to issue remedial writs necessary to give it general superintendence and control over all trial courts exercising jurisdiction in criminal proceedings. Judgments of the Court of Criminal Appeals are subject to discretionary review by the Supreme Court of Alabama.

## FILINGS

During the 2011 Term, the Court of Criminal Appeals had a total caseload of 2,967 cases, of which 1,954 were new filings. The 1,954 filings in the 2011 Term represents a 0.5% decrease in filings from the

preceding term, and a 14.6% decrease in filings from the number of filings five years earlier. Even with this decrease in filings in the 2011 Term, the Court of Criminal Appeals, with 391 filings per judge, ranks near the top nationally in the number of cases filed per judge. In fact, according to the caseload statistics maintained by the National Center for State Courts, the Court's per-judge-caseload has for the past fifteen plus years ranked at or near the top in the nation in the number of cases filed per judge.

## DISPOSITIONS

In the 2011 Term, the Court of Criminal Appeals disposed of 1,869 cases — 1,495 appeals and 374 petitions. The Court's throughput for the 2011 Term was 95.7%, causing the Court to begin the



2012 Term with 85 more cases than were pending at the start of the 2011 Court Term. This increase in the pending caseload was due, at least in part, to the fact that two of the Court's five judgeships were vacant from mid-January to the first of March 2011. (See Table 3 for an analysis of the dispositions.)

## DECISIONS

The Court of Criminal Appeals issued 1,180 decision in submitted appeals during the 2011 Term. Of these decisions, trial court judgments were affirmed in 975 appeals; trial court judgments were reversed and causes were remanded in 30 appeals; trial court judgments were reversed and the causes rendered in 6 appeals; 45 appeals were dismissed; 114 appeals were remanded to the trial courts with directions; 4 appeals were affirmed in part and reversed in part; and 6 appeals were transferred to other courts. Written opinions were released in 103 appeals and in 4 original petitions. Memorandum petitions were released in 946 appeals. Out of the 374 original petitions that were disposed in the 2011 Term, 17 petitions (4.5% of the total) were granted by the Court.

## TIME STANDARDS

In 1989, the Supreme Court, by order, set a 280-day time standards goal that ran from the notice of the appeal or the filing of a petition to the initial decision. In April 1995, the original goal was modified to conform to the Time Standards Reference Models recommended by the American Bar Association. The current goal is to issue rulings in 75% of all cases within 290 days from their start, and in 95% of all cases within 365 days. In the 2011 Term, 90% of all the initial decisions of the Court of Criminal Appeals were released within 290 days, thus surpassing the 75% goal for the 290-day period by 15%, and 95% were released within 365 days, thus achieving the 95% goal for the 365-day period. In the 2011 Term, the average time from start to the initial decision in all cases increased by 26 days, from 173 days in the 2010 Term to 199 days in the 2011 Term. The aver-

age time from start to initial decision in submitted cases increased by 12 days, from 211 days in the 2010 Term, to 223 days in the 2011 Term. (See Table 4 for five year summary of Court's Time Standards Performance.)

# JUDGES OF THE ALABAMA COURT OF CRIMINAL APPEALS



**Presiding Judge Samuel Henry Welch** was born in Carrollton, Georgia, in 1950 and grew up in Monroeville, Alabama. He is the son of the late Dale and Henry Welch of Monroeville.

Judge Welch attended public schools in Monroeville. In 1968, he entered Patrick Henry Junior College (now Alabama Southern Community College) in Monroeville, where he was president of the freshman class. He received his B.A., *cum laude*, from Birmingham-Southern College in 1972. While attending Birmingham-Southern, he was selected to become a member of the service fraternity, Omicron Delta Kappa.

He received a Juris Doctorate from the University of Alabama School of Law in 1976. While at the University of Alabama he was selected as editor of the Law & Psychology Review. He was also selected for the Bench and Bar Legal Honor Society and was awarded the American Jurisprudence Prize for Constitutional Law.

From 1976 until 1978, he was an associate in law firms in Birmingham and Demopolis. From 1978 until 1979, he was managing director of Pine Belt Legal Services, a University of Alabama Legal Aid Program, which served Monroe, Conecuh, and Escambia Counties. From 1979 until 1983, he practiced law in Monroeville in a solo law firm.

His prior judicial experience includes service from 1981 until 1983 as the City of Monroeville Municipal Judge, from 1983 until 1989 as the Monroe County District Judge, and from 1989 until 2007 as the sole circuit judge of the 35th Judicial Circuit, which encompasses Monroe and Conecuh Counties.

Judge Welch is a retired colonel in the United States Army Reserve Judge Advocate General's Corps. He has served in the Alabama Air National Guard and Army Reserve since 1972. He is a veteran of the Gulf War, serving from 1990 until 1991 in Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, and Iraq.

He is a member of American Legion Post 61 and James C. Marshall Post #8485, Veterans of Foreign Wars, in Monroeville.

He has served as a Boy Scout troop leader, Little League coach, member of the founding board of Monroeville Community Concerts, and in many civic projects with the Kiwanis Club. In 1984, he helped found and was president of Parents Awareness in Monroe County, a group to combat child abuse. Judge Welch is a lifelong member of the First Baptist Church of Monroeville, where he has taught Sunday school and served as counselor at Crosspoint.

He is married to the former Sandra Carol Phillips of Frisco City, Alabama. They have two children: Bryon, a Sergeant in the United States Army serving as crew chief on Blackhawk helicopters, and Allison, a recent *summa cum laude* MBA graduate working with Porsche Motorworks. Sam and Carol are also blessed with a grandson, Benjamin Welch, and two granddaughters, Lauren and Brooklyn Welch.

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**Judge Mary Becker Windom** was born in Mobile, Alabama, and was raised in Bay Minette, Alabama, in a family dedicated to public service. Her mother, Ina Becker, was the former Tax Assessor of Baldwin County. Her father, Earl V. Becker, was a rural mail carrier for more than 40 years. She attended public schools in Bay Minette, graduating from Baldwin County High School in 1977, in the top of her class. She received her Bachelor of Science degree from the University of South Alabama in 1982.

After college, she worked for two chambers of commerce, including serving as the Executive Director of the Bay Minette Chamber of Commerce and Director of Membership at the Mobile Area Chamber of Commerce.

She received her Juris Doctorate, *magna cum laude*, degree from the Thomas Goode Jones School of Law at Faulkner University in Montgomery in 1999. She served on the Jones Law Review and was a

member of the Phi Delta Phi legal fraternity.

Judge Windom was in private practice in Mobile until 2003, when she began her service as an Assistant U.S. Attorney in the Southern District of Alabama. She most recently served as a Deputy Attorney General in Montgomery.

She is a member of the Mobile Bar Association and a past member of the Mobile Bar Women Lawyers Section. Judge Windom has been admitted to practice in the United States District Court for the Southern District of Alabama and in the United States Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit. She presently serves on the Chief Justice's Commission on Professionalism, the Judicial Study Commission Sub-Committee on Indigent Defense, and the Alabama Supreme Court's Advisory Committee on the Rules of Criminal Procedure.

Judge Windom has also served the communities she has lived in by serving on the Board of Directors of Junior Achievement of Mobile, the National Board of America's Junior Miss, and the Board of Directors of the Montgomery Humane Society. She is currently a member of the Board of Directors of Children First, and a member of the Children's Harbor Anchor Society.

She is married to Steve Windom, who served from 1989 until 1998 in the Alabama State Senate, and then as Lieutenant Governor from 1999 until 2003. They have two children, Robert and Thomas. Both are attorneys: Robert is legal counsel for Apple Computer in Los Angeles, California, and Thomas is an associate with Williams & Connolly in Washington, D.C. Mary and Steve are members of the Church of Christ.

On February 1, 2012, Judge Windom became the Presiding Judge of the Alabama Court of Criminal Appeals.

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**Judge J. Elizabeth “Beth” Kellum** grew up in the Tuscaloosa County town of Vance. She is the daughter of Peggy and Milton Kellum and has one brother, Brian Kellum. Growing up, Beth and her family were members of the Vance Baptist Church. Beth is a product of Alabama’s public school system, graduating from Brookwood High School in 1977. Beth was her high school’s representative to Alabama Girls State and was named a National Merit Scholar.

Judge Kellum received both her B.A., *cum laude*, in 1981 and her J.D. in 1984, from the University of Alabama. As an undergraduate, she majored in political science, minored in history, and was elected to Phi Beta Kappa. In 1978 she was a congressional intern in Washington, D.C., for her Congressman, Walter Flowers—then the representative from Alabama’s Seventh District. In law school she was active in numerous activities, including the SBA Senate, Law Week, and Phi Alpha Delta legal fraternity. She also clerked part-time for a local circuit judge. She

was awarded the American Jurisprudence prize for Securities Regulation in 1983, and the American Jurisprudence prize for Labor Law in 1984.

Judge Kellum was particularly drawn to public service. After completing a judicial clerkship, she was hired in 1983 by Attorney General Charles Graddick as an Assistant Attorney General. She worked in the criminal appeals division where she primarily prosecuted appeals before the Court of Criminal Appeals and the Alabama Supreme Court; however, she also handled cases before the United States District Court for the Northern, Middle, and Southern Districts of Alabama and the United States Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit. From 1987 until 1990, she served a Staff Attorney for the Court of Criminal Appeals.

Judge Kellum then went into private practice with the Montgomery law firm of Robison & Belser, P.A., working on a wide variety of civil and criminal cases in state and federal courts. She returned to the Court of Criminal Appeals in 1997 as a Senior Staff Attorney for Judge Jean Brown. She worked as a Senior Staff Attorney for the Alabama Supreme Court from 1999 until 2001, before returning to the Court of Criminal Appeals as the Senior Staff Attorney for Judge Kelli Wise. After working with appellate judges on a day-to-day basis, she qualified as a candidate for the Court of Criminal Appeals and was elected to the Court in November 2008.

Judge Kellum is a member of the First Baptist Church of Montgomery. She has served as a docent at the Montgomery Museum of Fine Arts, and is a member of a number of professional, civic, and political organizations—including the Montgomery County Bar Association, Farrah Law Alumni Society, Alabama Bench and Bar Historical Society, League of Women Voters, Federalist Society, Landmarks Foundation of Montgomery, and various Republican organizations. Her hobbies include reading, bridge, traveling, genealogy, and music.

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**Judge Liles C. Burke** is a native of Marshall County, Alabama, the son of Claud and Sharon Burke and Jane and Sid McDonald. He attended public schools in the City of Arab and then received his undergraduate degree from the University of Alabama in 1991. In 1994, he earned his law degree from the University of Alabama School of Law. While there, he served as the student member of the University of Alabama Board of Trustees and was inducted as a member of Omicron Delta Kappa honor society and the Jasons.

Upon graduation from law school, he began the practice of law with his father in the firm now known as Burke, Beuoy & Maze, handling a wide variety of civil and criminal cases. He served as both Arab's Municipal Prosecutor and City Attorney during that time, and in 2001 was named the Municipal Judge for the City of Arab. He held that office until 2006 when he was appointed Marshall County District Judge by Governor Bob Riley. In

2008, Judge Burke was elected to a full term on the District Court, without opposition.

Judge Burke began Marshall County's first family drug court, and along with District Judge Tim Riley, implemented one of Alabama's first domestic violence courts. Additionally, he served as an officer in both the Alabama District Judges Association and the Alabama Juvenile Judges Association.

In February 2011, Judge Burke was named by Governor Robert Bentley to the Alabama Court of Criminal Appeals, filling the office left vacant by the election of Justice Kelli Wise to the Supreme Court of Alabama.

Judge Burke has been active over the past many years in several charitable and community organizations, leading the Marshall County United Way fund drive and serving as President of the Arab Chamber of Commerce. He is a Republican, a Rotarian, and an alumnus of Leadership Alabama.

Judge Burke is married to the former Natalie Jones of Jasper, Alabama. They have two small children, Camilla Jane and Claud Liles II. The Burkes are active members of the First United Methodist Church of Arab, where Judge Burke serves as the Assistant Organist.



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**Judge J. Michael Joiner** is a lifelong resident of Shelby County, Alabama. He is the son of Hubert and Christine Joiner of Columbiana. His father retired from Alabama Power, and his mother worked with the U.S Postal Service. His only brother is a practicing physician in Birmingham.

In 1975, Judge Joiner graduated from Indian Springs High School. He earned his B.A. from Samford University in 1979. In 1982, he graduated from Cumberland School of Law where he served as Research Editor of the Cumberland Law Review and was a member of the Cumberland Moot Court Board.

After law school, Judge Joiner practiced law in Shelby County for ten years. While practicing law, he served as the Shelby County Republican Party Secretary, the Alabaster/Pelham Rotary Club President, and was a member of the Shelby County Economic Development Council and the North Shelby Chamber of Commerce. In 1992, he was elected as a

circuit judge. In November 2005, Judge Joiner was elected by his fellow judges as Presiding Judge.

As a circuit judge, Judge Joiner handled thousands of civil, criminal, and domestic cases. As a result of handling criminal cases, especially death-penalty cases involving drug-abusing teenage defendants, he saw the dire need for a change in the way the criminal system deals with addiction. In 2002, he created the Shelby County Drug Court, which has become a model statewide. In 2007, he was appointed by Chief Justice Cobb as co-chair of a statewide Drug Court Task Force to implement Drug Courts in all 67 counties in Alabama. While in that role, he was responsible for training all Drug Court judges and staff around the state. The Shelby County Drug Court program has over 1,000 graduates and 200 current participants.

Judge Joiner was a member of the Executive Committee of the Circuit Judges Association and the Alabama Public Safety and Sentencing Coalition. He is also a member of the National Association of Drug Court Professionals and is the current Vice President/President-Elect of the Alabama Association of Drug Court Professionals.

In February 2011, Judge Joiner was named by Governor Robert Bentley to the Alabama Court of Criminal Appeals, filling the office left vacant by the appointment of Justice James Allen Main to the Alabama Supreme Court. In July 2011, Judge Joiner was honored as Republican of the Year by the Shelby County Republican Party.

He is an active member of the Church at Brook Hills where he teaches a Bible study class. He previously served as Dean and Chairman of the Shelby Baptist Association Credentials Committee.

Judge Joiner is married to Cathy Smith Joiner. Cathy is a registered nurse and works in a local physician's practice. They have one daughter, Christy, who is a full-time college student. In his spare time, Judge Joiner enjoys running and golf.



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torney General William Baxley and as a Special Assistant Attorney General for Attorney General Charlie Graddick.

In 1975, he married the former Lana R. Bush of Montgomery. They have three daughters: Julie, Katie, and Lucy.

On November 30, 2011, after twenty-one years of distinguished service, Lane Mann retired as Clerk of the Court of Criminal Appeals.

**Lane W. Mann** was born in Alexander City, Alabama, the son of Floyd H. and Grace L. Mann. He attended public schools and graduated from Lanett High School in 1968. He received his bachelor of science degree from Auburn University in 1971 and his Juris Doctor from Jones Law Institute in 1977.

From 1979 until his appointment as Clerk of the Court of Criminal Appeals in October 1990, he served as Director of the Legal Division of the Administrative Office of Courts. In February 1987, Chief Justice C.C. "Bo" Torbert, Jr., appointed him Director of the Alabama Judicial System Study Commission. From 1987 until October 1990, when he assumed his duties as Clerk, he served in the dual capacity of Director of the AOC Legal Division and Director of the Judicial System Study Commission.

Prior to his employment with the court, he was a United States Postal Inspector in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and served as a special investigator for At-

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<b>COURT OF CRIMINAL APPEALS CASES DOCKETED AND DISPOSED 2010 TERM (TABLE 1)</b>	
<b>Cases Docketed</b>	<b>Number of Cases</b>
Cases Carried Forward from 2010 Term	1,047
New Cases	1,954
Total Cases Before the Court	3,001
Total Cases Disposed	1,869
Cases Carried Forward to the 2012 Term	1,132

<b>COURT OF CRIMINAL APPEALS ANALYSIS OF FILINGS BY CASE TYPE (TABLE 2)</b>				
<b>Appeals</b>	<b># of Appeals by Type</b>	<b>Change From Prior Year</b>	<b>% of All Appeals</b>	<b>% of Total Filings</b>
Convictions Appealed (Death)	12	50%	.8%	.6%
Convictions Appealed (Municipal)	12	-25%	.8%	.6%
Convictions Appealed (Other)	527	.1%	34.2%	27%
Rule 32 Appeals (Death)	13	225%	.8%	.7%
Rule 32 Appeals (Non-Death)	506	.4%	32.8%	25.9%
Juvenile Appeals	20	-26%	1.3%	1%
Probation Revocation	106	9.3%	6.9%	5.4%
Restitution Order	4	-33.3%	.3%	.2%
Mandamus Appeal	9	80%	.6%	.5%
Certiorari Appeal	84	-20.8%	5.5%	4.3%
Habeas Appeal	47	14.6%	3%	2.4%
State Pretrial Appeal	16	6.7%	1%	.8%
Contempt Adjudication	0	0%	0%	0%
Motion to Reconsider Sentence	57	-29.6%	3.7%	2.9%
Other	128	8.5%	8.3%	6.6%
<b>Total Number of Appeals Filed</b>	<b>1,541</b>	<b>-.6%</b>		<b>78.9%</b>
<b>Original Petitions</b>	<b>413</b>	<b>0%</b>		<b>21.1%</b>
<b>Total Cases Filed</b>	<b>1,954</b>	<b>-.5%</b>		<b>100%</b>

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<b>COURT OF CRIMINAL APPEALS ANALYSIS OF DISPOSITIONS (TABLE 3)</b>				
<b>Appeals</b>	<b># of Appeals Disposed</b>	<b>Change From Prior Year</b>	<b>% of Appeals Disposed</b>	<b>% of Total Dispositions</b>
Affirmed	988	-19.9%	66%	52.9%
Reversed and Remanded	37	-49.3%	2.5%	2.1%
Reversed and Rendered	4	33.3%	.3%	.2%
Affirmed in Part/Reversed in Part	4	100%	.3%	.2%
Affirmed in Part/Dismissed in Part	0	0%	0%	0%
Dismissed After Submission	43	-8.5%	2.9%	2.3%
Transferred by Order	26	0%	1.7%	1.4%
Dismissed Prior to Submission	393	15.2%	26.3%	21%
<b>Total Appeals Disposed</b>	<b>1,495</b>	<b>-13.3%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>79.5%</b>
<b>Petitions</b>	<b># of Appeals Disposed</b>	<b>Change From Prior Year</b>	<b>% of Appeals Disposed</b>	<b>% of Total Dispositions</b>
Granted	17	55%	4.5%	.9%
Denied/Dismissed	302	-17%	80.7%	16.2%
Granted in Part/Denied in Part	0	0%	0%	0%
Stricken	5	-28.6%	1.3	.3%
Remanded with Directions	0	0%	0%	0%
Transferred	50	-5.7%	13.4%	2.7%
<b>Total Petitions Disposed</b>	<b>374</b>	<b>-14%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>20%</b>
<b>Total Dispositions</b>	<b>2,160</b>	<b>-13.5%</b>		<b>100%</b>

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**COURT OF CRIMINAL APPEALS**  
**TIME STANDARDS PERFORMANCE**  
**2007-2011 (TABLE 4)**

	2007 Term	2008 Term	2009 Term	2010 Term	2011 Term
Percent of Cases Completed within 290 Days	88%	83%	77%	91%	90%
Percent of Cases Completed within 365 Days	95%	92%	89%	96%	95%
Days Required to Complete 50% of the Cases	113	121	164	114	123
Days Required to Complete 75% of the Cases	214	256	283	183	198
Days Required to Complete 95% of the Cases	359	457	493	347	380
Average Number of Days from Notice of Appeal to Decision	140	161	193	173	177

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**FILINGS AND DISPOSITIONS FROM 2007 THROUGH 2011**  
**(TABLE 5)**

	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	Percent Change 2007-2001	Percent Change 2010-2011
Cases from Prior Term	1,127	1,311	1,447	1,245	1,013	-10.1%	-18.6%
New Filings	2,287	2,302	2,037	1,963	1,954	-14.6%	-0.5%
Cases Disposed	2,106	2,173	2,238	2,160	1,869	-11.3%	-13.5%
Cases Carried Over	1,308	1,440	1,246	1,048	1,132	-13.5%	8%

## ALABAMA COURT OF CIVIL APPEALS



Seated, from left to right: Judge Craig Sorrell Pittman, Presiding Judge William C. Thompson, and Judge Tommy Bryan;  
Standing, from left to right: Judge Terri Willingham Thomas and Judge Terry A. Moore

The Court of Civil Appeals, composed of a presiding judge and four associate judges, was created by the Alabama Legislature in 1969. The Court has original appellate jurisdiction in all civil appeals where the amount in controversy does not exceed \$50,000; in all appeals from administrative agencies, other than the Alabama Public Service Commission; in all appeals in workers' compensation cases; and in all appeals in domestic relations cases, including annulment, divorce, adoption, and child custody. All decisions of the Court are made *en banc*. Each judge

is required to review each case submitted to the Court.

For Fiscal Year 2011, the Court of Civil Appeals reported a total caseload of 2,001 cases. This figure includes 1,229 new filings and 772 cases that, at the close of the previous term, were not ready for submission, were on rehearing, or were on review to the Supreme Court of Alabama.

The Court of Civil Appeals disposed of 1,246 cases. Of this number, 356 cases or 28.57% were decided with written opinions.

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Case filings in Fiscal Year 2011 increased by 1.22% from Fiscal Year 2010. For the five-year period, Fiscal Year 2007 through Fiscal Year 2011, filings increased by 2.12%.

The total caseload of the Court decreased by 1.30% from the previous year. During Fiscal Year 2011 the Court disposed of 1,246 cases: 356 were decided with opinion; 368 were affirmed without opinion; 9 cases had other disposition and 513 were disposed before submission. The average time from notice of appeal to written opinion was 239 days, compared to 248 days for Fiscal Year 2010.

Of the 733 cases disposed by opinion and summary affirmance and other decision, the Court affirmed the judgment of 62.62%, reversed the judgment in 16.37%, affirmed in part and reversed in part the judgment in 6.55% of the cases; and disposed by dismissal or other reason in 14.46% of the cases.

## **APPLICATIONS FOR REHEARING**

An application for rehearing is the method by which one, or both, of the parties requests the Court to reconsider its earlier decision in a case. Of the 773 cases that were disposed by submission and decision, 167 applications for rehearing were filed. Approximately 82.63% of the cases on rehearing had no change.

## **REVIEW BY THE SUPREME COURT OF ALABAMA**

The Supreme Court ruled on 202 petitions for certiorari from the Court of Civil Appeals during Fiscal Year 2011. Approximately 95.05% of those decisions were upheld by the Supreme Court.



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Future of the Juvenile Justice System, a member of the board of directors of Children First, and a member of the Council of Chief Judges of the State Courts of Appeal. He is also a member of the Appellate Rules Committee, the Legislative Coordinating Council, the Alabama Law Institute, and the Judicial System Study Commission. He is the Chief Judge of the Court of the Judiciary and a former advisory board member of the Service Guild of Birmingham's Early Intervention Program.

He is married to the former Melinda Rainey of Greenville, Alabama, and they have three children. The family attends St. Stephen's Episcopal Church.

**Presiding Judge William Cooper Thompson** was born on January 19, 1962. Judge Thompson grew up in Autauga and Elmore counties. He attended the University of Alabama where he completed his Bachelor of Arts degree in 1984. He attended Cumberland School of Law at Samford University and was awarded his Juris Doctor degree in 1988.

Judge Thompson was elected to the Court of Appeals from Homewood in 1996 and was re-elected to the court in 2002 and 2008. He became presiding judge of the court in 2007. Prior to serving as a judge, Judge Thompson practice law in both Birmingham and Montgomery.

Judge Thompson is a member of the Alabama Juvenile Code Revision Committee, the Alabama Court Improvement Project Advisory Committee, and the Chief Justice's Commission on Professionalism. He is the chairman of the Committee on the

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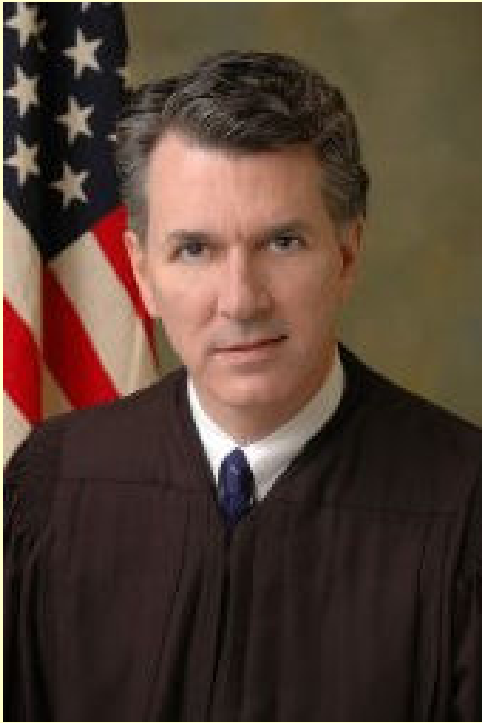
Judge Pittman is a member of the Judicial Inquiry Commission, the Mobile Bar Association, the Maritime Law Association, the Southeastern Admiralty Law Institute, the Alabama State Bar, and the Florida Bar. He has practiced before all state courts in Alabama and Florida and is admitted to practice in the federal courts of Alabama and the Northern and Middle District of Florida.

Judge Pittman is married to Janet Rich Pittman of Mobile. He has two children, Craig, Jr., and Jennifer Leigh. The Pittmans are members of Christ Church Cathedral in Mobile.

**Judge Craig Sorrell Pittman**, the third of five sons of Dr. John Edwin Pittman and Marjorie Brunson Pittman, was born September 6, 1956, in Enterprise, Alabama. He graduated from Indian Springs School in Birmingham and Middlebury College in Vermont, where he received his Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science with honors in 1978. In 1981 he was awarded a Doctor of Jurisprudence degree from the Cumberland School of Law of Samford University. He was admitted to the practice of law in the State of Alabama in 1981 and in the State of Florida in 1982.

After graduating from law school, Judge Pittman clerked for Judge T. Virgil Pittman in the U.S. District Court of the Southern District of Alabama in Mobile from 1981 until 1983. He then practice law in Mobile with the firm of Hamilton, Butler, Tarlton, and Sullivan from 1983 until 1986. In 1986 he started his own firm which eventually became known as Pittman, Pittman, Carwie and Fuquay. He was a

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**Judge Tommy Elias Bryan**, the son of Elias Daniel Bryan and Margie Spivey Bryan, was born on May 16, 1956. Growing up on the family's farm in Brantley, Alabama, Judge Bryan learned the values of faith, family, and hard work.

A 1974 graduate of Brantley High School, Judge Bryan continued his education at Troy State University where he received Bachelor of Science and Master of Science degrees in education. In 1983, he graduated from the Jones School of Law. After graduating from law school, Judge Bryan served as a Staff Attorney for the Alabama Court of Criminal Appeals.

In 1987, Judge Bryan became an Assistant Attorney General for the State of Alabama, serving as an Associate General Counsel for Alabama's environmental department. In this position he gained valuable experience in defending and interpreting highly technical and scientific regulations and standards, as well as drafting administrative orders and reviewing

legislation pertaining to environmental issues.

Judge Bryan is a member of the Alabama Bar Association where he serves as a member of the Environmental Law and Appellate Practices Sections and on the Quality of Life Committee. He is also a member of the Montgomery County Bar Association. He is admitted to practice before the United States Supreme Court, the United States Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit and the District of Columbia as well as all Federal District Courts in Alabama.

Judge Bryan is married to the former Pamela Mizzell from Tuscaloosa and they have two children, a daughter, Thomason, and a son, Tucker. The family attends Montgomery's First Baptist Church where Judge Bryan serves as a deacon, sings in the sanctuary choir and teaches a young-married, adult Sunday School class.

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Judge Thomas is married to Dave Thomas and has four girls: Tara, Miranda, Ella, and Eliza. She is an active member of the Cullman Church of Christ. Judge Thomas was a founder and board member of Traditions Bank in Cullman and has served on the Children's First Board and the Children's Policy Council.

**Judge Terri Willingham Thomas**, a native of Cullman, Alabama, received her Juris Doctorate from the Cumberland School of Law and attained her undergraduate degrees from Athens State University and Wallace State Community College.

Upon graduation from law school, Judge Thomas began practicing law in Cullman and soon after was elected as a District and Juvenile Court Judge in Cullman County where she served for 10 years.

In addition to acting as a District and Juvenile Court Judge, Judge Thomas served as President of the Alabama Juvenile and Family Courts Judges Association from 2004 until 2005, and on the Faculty of the Alabama Judicial College. She has also served as a member of Alabama's Juvenile Code Revision Committee, the Judicial System Legislative Coordinating Council, the Standing Committee on Juvenile Procedure, and the Standing Committee on Rules of Conduct and Canons of Judicial Ethics.

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**Judge Terry A. Moore** is a 1990 graduate of the University of South Alabama. He graduated *magna cum laude* from the University of Alabama School of Law in 1993. Following graduation, he entered private practice in the Mobile, Alabama, office of Adams & Reese where he specialized in workers' compensation and civil litigation. In 1998, he became a partner in the Mobile law firm of Vickers, Riis, Murray & Curran, L.L.C. In 2004, Moore co-founded Austill, Lewis, Pipkin & Moore, P.C., where he served as a member until his election to the Alabama Court of Civil Appeals in 2006.

While practicing law, Judge Moore published numerous articles in legal journals, law reviews, and seminars. In 1998, West Publishing issued *Alabama Workers' Compensation*, a two-volume treatise that was written by Judge Moore between 1992 and 1997. That treatise is now considered the leading authority on its subject by the appellate courts of Alabama, having been cited in dozens of cases. Judge Moore

has used the knowledge he gained from researching this book to teach workers' compensation law to judges, lawyers, and workers' compensation professionals throughout the state and to provide pro bono services.

Judge Moore's greatest accomplishments have been his marriage and the birth of his two sons. He married the former Ashlee Stewart of Mobile in 1992. In 1999, they welcomed Michael Alexander "Alex" Moore to the family, and in 2003 the family was completed with the birth of Thomas "Pierce" Moore.



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**John H. Wilkerson, Jr.**, was born in Mobile, Alabama, the son of John H. and Lille Mae Wilkerson. He attended public and private schools in Mobile, graduating from University Military School in 1961, and from the University of Alabama, with an A.B. in 1966 and a J.D. in 1972.

He served as Law Clerk for Chief Justice Howell Heflin in 1972 and as Research Analyst for the Supreme Court from 1972 until 1975. In May 1975 he was appointed Clerk of the Court of Civil Appeals.

In 1968, he married the former Janice Elaine Blackledge of Huntsville. They have three children: Wendy, John III, and Lee. He is a deacon in the First Baptist Church of Montgomery and a member of the Kiwanis Club of Montgomery. He began teaching law at Jones Law Institute in 1974 and is a past president of the National Conference of Appellate Court Clerks.

**ALABAMA COURT OF CIVIL APPEALS**  
**FILINGS & DISPOSITIONS REPORT**  
*OCTOBER 1, 2010 THROUGH OCTOBER 1, 2011*

<b>COURT OF CIVIL APPEALS FILINGS AND DISPOSITIONS</b>					
	FY 2007	FY 2008	FY 2009	FY 2010	FY 2011
Cases Carried Over From Prior Year	779	796	870	813	772
New Filings	1,203	1,236	1,201	1,214	1,229
Total Case Load	1,982	2,032	2,071	2,027	2,001
Cases Disposed	1,186	1,162	1,258	1,255	1,246
Cases Carried Over To Next Year	796	870	813	772	755

<b>COURT OF CIVIL APPEALS FILINGS AND DISPOSITIONS</b>				
	Changes FY 2010—FY 2011		Changes FY 2007—FY2011	
	Number of Cases	Percent Change	Number of Cases	Percent Change
Cases Carried Over From Prior Year	-41	-5.31%	-7	-0.91%
New Filings	15	1.22%	26	2.12%
Total Case Load	-26	-1.30%	19	0.95%
Cases Disposed	-9	-0.72%	60	4.82%
Cases Carried Over To Next Year	-17	-2.25%	-41	-5.43%

<b>COURT OF CIVIL APPEALS CASES DOCKETED AND DISPOSED, FY 2011</b>	
<b>Cases Docketed</b>	
Cases Carried Forward Fiscal Year 2010	772
New Cases	1,229
Total Cases Pending Before the Court	2,001
<b>Cases Disposed</b>	
Written Opinion	356
Without Written Opinion	890
Total Cases Disposed	1,246
Cases Carried Forward to Next Term	755

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COURT OF CIVIL APPEALS DISPOSITIONS WITH DECISIONS, FY 2011			
	Number of Cases With Opinion	Number of Cases Without Opinion	Percent of Total Decisions
Affirmed	91	368	62.62%
Reversed	120	0	16.37%
Affirmed in Part/Reversed in Part	48	0	6.55%
Other	97	9	14.46%
DECISIONS	356	377	100.00%
TOTAL OF DECISIONS	733		
Note: Decisions reflect both cases with opinion and affirmed without opinion. (Disposed)			
Note: 2.08 percent of the cases requesting oral argument were argued. (Disposed)			

<b>COURT OF CIVIL APPEALS DISPOSITIONS WITHOUT WRITTEN OPINIONS, FY 2011</b>		
	Number of Cases	Percent of Other Dispositions
Dismissed on Motion of Appellant	131	14.72%
Dismissed for Failure to Prosecute	115	12.92%
Dismissed on Joint Motion/Agreement	42	4.72%
Dismissed on Motion of Appellee	18	2.02%
Other (i.e., Untimely Filing, Moot)	124	13.93%
Transferred to Another Court for Lack of Jurisdiction	92	10.34%
Affirmed—No Opinion	368	41.35%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>890</b>	<b>100.00%</b>

<b>COURT OF CIVIL APPEALS APPLICATIONS FOR REHEARING, FY 2011</b>			
	Number of Cases Disposed by Submission and Decision	Number of Applications for Rehearing Filed	Percent of Rehearings of Cases Disposed by Submis- sion and Decision
Direct Appeals and Extraordinary Writs	733	167	22.78%

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<b>COURT OF CIVIL APPEALS DISPOSITIONS OF RULING ON APPLICATIONS FOR REHEARING, FY 2011</b>		
	Number of Applications for Rehearing	Percent of Cases Disposed with Application for Rehearing
Overruled—No Opinion	138	82.63%
Granted—Original Opinion Withdrawn and Substituted	8	4.79%
Overruled—Original Opinion Withdrawn and Substituted	15	8.98%
Other	6	3.60%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>167</b>	<b>100%</b>

<b>COURT OF CIVIL APPEALS DISPOSITIONS OF CERTIORARI REVIEW, FY 2011</b>		
Decision	Petitions for Certiorari	Percent of Cases
Denied	166	82.18%
Petition/Writ Quashed	14	6.93%
Affirmed	4	1.98%
Other	0	0.00%
Reversed and/or Remanded	10	4.95%
Dismissed	2	0.99%
Stricken	6	2.97%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>202</b>	<b>100.00%</b>

## SUPREME COURT AND STATE LAW LIBRARY

**T**he Alabama Supreme Court and State Law Library is the oldest law library in Alabama. Established in 1828 as the Library Society of the Bench and Bar of the Supreme Court, it was a private, non-profit organization with the purpose of providing a library for the “exclusive use of the Bench and Bar of the Supreme Court of the State.” In the late 1800s, when the law library became a state agency, it was Alabama’s largest research library and continues that tradition today, serving the Supreme Court of Alabama, the Courts of Criminal and Civil Appeals, and all citizens of Alabama.

The Law Library has approximately 235,000 volumes in its collection, making it the second largest law library in the State. The Library is also one of the oldest United States Government Depository libraries in the United States, having been designated a depository in 1884. Currently, the Law Library occupies approximately 38,000 square feet. It is a public law library, and its hours of operation are 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. The Law Library collection contains all of the reported decisions of the state and federal appellate courts in the United States, and the statutes of all 50 states and the District of Columbia, plus Acts of Congress, the United States Code, and the regulations of the various agencies of the United States Government. The Law Library’s legal periodical collection is one of the best in the State with more than 1,000 titles, while its rare book collection is considered one of the finest in the southeastern United States. Unique to the collection are the briefs of the Alabama Supreme Court cases beginning in 1965, and the papers of the Alabama Judicial College.

Beyond the role of the tradition library, the Supreme Court and State Law Library continues to pursue a strategic plan to remain on the forefront of technology. To this end, the Law Library provides public access to Westlaw and LexisNexis, computer-assisted legal research services, to all users so that they have access to the most sophisticated legal re-

search engines available. In this same way, the Law Library provides Westlaw and Lexis access to the entire judicial branch of government so that judges, clerks, and other judicial branch employees will have access to legal information at their fingertips. Additionally, the Law Library has its own computerized public access catalog known as Aladdin, which includes the online catalogs of the Jefferson County Public Law Library, the Montgomery County Public Law Library, and the Elbert Parsons Public Law Library in Huntsville. Aladdin can be accessed from the Law Library website, [www.alalinc.net](http://www.alalinc.net).

The Law Library manages a state-of-the-art computer training lab equipped with workstations to accommodate an instructor and up to eighteen students. The Law Library also maintains Alalinc, an information service providing access to electronic copies of Alabama’s appellate court opinions as they are released. Opinions are fully searchable using an advanced search engine that allows users a large range of search capabilities. The Law Library showcases the Heflin-Torbert Judicial Building and the history of the courts through a public education program which includes the museum exhibits, plus guided tours of the Judicial Building.





**Timothy Alan Lewis**, a native of Talladega, Alabama, was appointed by the Supreme Court as State Law Librarian and Acting Marshal of the Supreme Court of Alabama on June 1, 1992. He served as Acting Marshal until 1993.

Mr. Lewis attended the public schools of Talladega, graduating from Talladega High School in 1974. He graduated from the University of Alabama, receiving his B.A. in English in 1979, his Master of Library Services in 1983, and his Juris Doctor in 1984. He was admitted to the Alabama State Bar Association in 1988. Tim served as Assistant Director of the Library from 1984 until his appointment as State Law Librarian and Acting Marshal.

Mr. Lewis taught as Adjunct Professor of Law at the Jones School of Law from 1988 until 1992, and is currently an Adjunct Professor at Auburn University at Montgomery in both the Department of Justice and Public Safety and the Management Department. He has taught numerous courses on legal research and computer-assisted legal research, and is the co-author of *Alabama Practice Materials: An Annotated Bibliography*, 82 Law Library Journal 703 (1990). He is

also the author of several articles in the *Alabama Lawyer* and has written several book reviews.

Besides the Alabama State Bar, Mr. Lewis is a member of the Alabama Association of Law Libraries, the Special Libraries Association, the Southeastern Chapter of the American Association of Law Libraries, the Law Library Association of Alabama, the Alabama Library Association, and the Montgomery County Bar Association.

Mr. Lewis served as the Moderator of the Law Librarians Roundtable of the Alabama Library Association in 1989, President of the Law Library Association of Alabama from 1992 to 1993, the vice president for the Montgomery Judicial Chapter of the Alabama State Employees Association in 1995, the Coordinator of the Montgomery Area Library Resource Sharing Roundtable from 1995 until 1996, and served on the Board of Directors for the Center for Law and Civic Education at Cumberland School of Law, and the Board of Directors for the Law Magnet Program at Booker T. Washington Magnet School. He served as Local Arrangements Chair for the 2001 Alabama Library Association Convention held in Montgomery.

Currently, Mr. Lewis serves as the Treasurer of the Alabama Library Association, as co-chair of the Alabama State Bar Law Day Subcommittee, is a member of the Board of Directors of Camp Chandler (YMCA), a member of the Appellate Library Standards Committee (AALL), and represents special libraries on the Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) Advisory Council.

Mr. Lewis is married to Christine Whitesell of Montgomery, and they have three children, Andrew, Laura, and Rebecca. He and his family attend the Episcopal Church of the Ascension in Montgomery where Mr. Lewis teaches sixth grade Sunday School, assists with the SOS Puppet Team, and is a member of the 1st Timothy Committee. He has been a member of the Montgomery Lions Club since 1987.

## REPORTER OF DECISIONS



**Bilee Kulhanek Cauley** was born in West Homestead, Pennsylvania, near Pittsburgh. She is the daughter of the late Ruthalee Kulhanek and the late William Kulhanek. She was educated in the West Homestead and Homestead public school system. Ms. Cauley graduated from Eckerd College in St. Petersburg, Florida, in 1972 with a bachelor of arts degree in English literature. She received her juris doctorate in 1987 from the Jones School of Law, where she was awarded the James J. Carter Award for Scholarship, an award given to the student in each graduating class who has the highest grade point average. Ms. Cauley was admitted to the Alabama State Bar in 1988.

Before and during law school, Ms. Cauley was employed by the Montgomery law firm of Johnson & Thorington as a paralegal. Upon her graduation from law school, she worked at the firm as an associate. She was appointed assistant report of decisions

for the Alabama appellate courts in July 1989; she was the first person to occupy that position. She was appointed reporter of decisions of the Alabama appellate courts effective October 1, 2001. She is the first woman to hold that position.

She is married to Wendell Cauley, a native of Opelika, Alabama, and a partner in the Montgomery office of Bradley, Arant, Boult, Cummings, L.L.P. The Cauleys are members of the Capitol Heights United Methodist Church in Montgomery. Ms. Cauley is an active member in the Association of Reporters of Judicial Decisions, an international professional association; she served as the Association's president in 2004.

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where he is frequently involved in a variety of cooking projects. He additionally serves as a basketball official and softball umpire and referee.

**Willie L. James** was sworn in as Marshal of the Appellate Courts of Alabama on August 15, 2001, by Chief Justice Roy Moore, becoming the twelfth marshal of the appellate courts.

Marshal James was born and raised in Montgomery, Alabama. Due to the death of his father at an early age, James and his eight siblings were raised by his mother. Following his graduation from Booker T. Washington High School, James attended Southern University in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, on a basketball scholarship. He graduated with a degree in Business Management and Marketing.

In 1973, James became a City Park Ranger, being promoted in 1980 to the position of Assistant Chief Ranger. Following his retirement in 1993, he joined the Alabama appellate courts as a Deputy Marshal, and served in that position until his appointment as Marshal.

Marshal James is an active member of his church,

# JUDICIAL INQUIRY COMMISSION

**E**stablished by Amendment 328 to the Constitution of Alabama (commonly known as the Judicial Article) in 1973, the Judicial Inquiry Commission is empowered to receive and initiate complaints as well as conduct investigations concerning the judges of Alabama. The Commission consists of nine members: an intermediate appellate judge, two circuit judges, a district judge, three laypersons, and two attorneys. The three laypersons and the district judge are appointed by the Governor and are subject to Senate confirmation; the two attorneys are appointed by the Commissioners of the Alabama State Bar. The Commissioners serve for terms of four years.

The Judicial Inquiry Commission considers and investigates complaints of unethical conduct made against judges of the Unified Judicial System. It has the authority to receive or initiate complaints, conduct investigations, and file and prosecute complaints in the Court of the Judiciary. These complaints charge violations of the Alabama Canons of Judicial Ethics, misconduct in office, failure to perform judicial duties, or the inability of a judge to perform his or her duties because of a physical or mental disability. The Commission also renders advisory opinions to judges if needed.

During fiscal year 2011, the Judicial Inquiry Commission received 194 complaints against Alabama judges. Of these 169 were disposed of before or after investigation due to no reasonable basis, no jurisdiction, no ethical violation, or a combination of the three. Fifty-two complaints were investigated. The Commission met with three judges due to complaints filed against the judge. The Judicial Inquiry Commission filed two complaints with the Court of the Judiciary during fiscal year 2011.

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*District Judge, Mobile County*  
*Mobile*

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*Masada Resource Group*  
*Huntsville*

Billy Bedsole  
*Attorney*  
*Mobile*

Augusta Dowd  
*Attorney*  
*Birmingham*

Jenny M. Garrett, Executive Director  
*Montgomery*

## COURT OF THE JUDICIARY



Seated, left to right: William D. Melton, John V. Denson, David A. Rains, and Samuel L. Jones  
Standing, left to right: Jeffrey T. Brock, Sandra R. Killion, William C. Thompson, James W. Woodroof, Jr. (alternate member), and Gwaltney McCollum, Jr.

**T**he Court of the Judiciary is a nine-member body that hears complaints filed by the Judicial Inquiry Commission. The Court is composed of one judge of an appellate court, other than the Supreme Court of Alabama, who is selected by the Supreme Court of Alabama and serves as Chief Judge of the Court of the Judiciary; two judges of the circuit court, who are selected by the Circuit Judges' Association; one district judge who is selected by the District Judges' Association; two members of the state bar, who are selected by the governing body of the Alabama State Bar; and three persons who are not lawyers who are appointed by the Governor. Members appointed by the Governor are subject to Senate confirmation before serving.

The Court has the authority to enter the following sanctions for a violation of a Canon of Judicial Ethics: removal from office, suspension with or without pay, censure, retire a judge who is physically or mentally unable to perform his judicial duties, or apply such other sanctions as may be prescribed by law.

Decisions of the Court of the Judiciary may be appealed to the Supreme Court of Alabama, which reviews the record of proceedings on the law and the facts. The Supreme Court of Alabama shall adopt rules governing the procedures of the Court of the Judiciary.

The clerk of the Court of Civil Appeals serves as secretary of the Court of the Judiciary.

Members of the Court of the Judiciary are William C. Thompson (Presiding Judge), Homewood; Jeffrey T. Brock, Evergreen; John V. Denson, Opelika; Samuel L. Jones, Mobile; Sandra R. Killion, Birmingham; L. Gwaltney McCollum, Jr., Jasper; William D. Melton, Evergreen; David A. Rains, Fort Payne; and J. Scott Vowell, Birmingham. Alternate members of the Court are: J. Michael Joiner (Alternate Presiding Judge), Indian Springs; Terri Bozeman-Lovell, Hayneville; Jason P. Knight, Cullman; Merceria Ludgood, Mobile; and James W. Woodruff, Jr., Athens.

Two complaints were filed with the Court by the Judicial Inquiry Commission during fiscal year 2011.



## ADMINISTRATIVE DIRECTOR OF COURTS



**Callie T. Dietz** took office on January 16, 2007, as the first female Administrative Director of Courts in Alabama. She was appointed by Chief Justice Sue Bell Cobb, the first female Chief Justice in the history of Alabama. Ms. Dietz has 32 years experience in state government, over 27 of which has been with the Administrative Office of Courts. She served as Director of the Alabama Judicial College and the Family Court Division, Assistant Director of the Judicial College and Municipal Court Division, and State Coordinator of the Court Referral Program. Prior to her work with AOC, she was employed with the Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation.

Callie has over 37 years experience in the field of addictions treatment, prevention and education, working at the local and state levels. She received her Bachelor of Arts degree from Jacksonville State University and her Master of Public Administration degree from Auburn University. Callie has con-

ducted a number of workshops at the local, state and national level on addictions, court administration, grant writing, Myers-Briggs Type Inventory, and many motivational topics. She also has received a number of awards for her volunteer and professional efforts, among which were the first C. C. “Bo” Torbert Award in 1989, and “Local Hero Award” which enabled her to carry the Olympic Torch in 1996.

Callie is currently active in the Conference of State Court Administrators where she is serving on four committees and is Co-Chair of the Elder Abuse Task Force. She served two terms as President of the Alabama School of Alcohol and Drug Studies Board of Directors and is currently serving on a number of other local and state Boards. She is an active volunteer for United Way of Montgomery, serves as Vice-Chair of the Steering Committee for the State Combined Health Charities Campaign, and a number of agencies working with substance abusers and in the area of domestic violence.

Callie is a member of the Episcopal Church of the Epiphany in Tallassee where she is a Chalice Bearer, Lay Reader, on the altar guild, and a member of the Episcopal Church Women. She served a three year term on the church Vestry and one year as Senior Warden of the church. Callie is married to Don Dietz, and they have two beautiful children, Seth and Lindsay, and two gorgeous grandsons, Aiden and Isaac.

## ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF COURTS

**T**he Chief Justice of the Alabama Supreme Court is the chief administrative officer of the State's court system and is authorized to appoint an Administrative Director of Courts (ADC) and other personnel to assist in the performance of administrative responsibilities. This constitutionally created entity overseeing Alabama's Unified Judiciary is called the Administrative Office of Courts (AOC).

The Alabama Unified Judicial System is a state-funded court system consisting of the Supreme Court and two intermediate courts of appeal, the Court of Criminal Appeals and the Court of Civil Appeals. The systems also includes the trial courts of general jurisdictions (the circuit courts) and the courts of limited jurisdiction (the district, probate, and municipal courts). Municipal courts receive training and technical assistance from the AOC although judges and court personnel are selected by and answerable to their city governments. Probate judges and their staff are county employees.

The AOC, under the direction of the Administrative Director of Courts, is charged with providing the centralized, state-level administrative support necessary to the operation of the State court system, which includes the development of improved procedures and systems to increase the operational capacity of the courts, the collection and dissemination of information necessary for the development of policy, and the efficient operation of the courts. Alabama was one of the first states in the nation to have a unified state courts system with uniform procedures and centralized administrative services. The Unified Judicial System of Alabama (UJS) has been in existence since 1977.

The AOC carries out its responsibilities through a network of specialized divisions. This necessary link within the court system successfully implements plans addressing the training, educational, and developmental needs of officials and employees of the Unified Judicial System. These tasks are imple-

mented in part by and through the Alabama Judicial College, along with the support of statewide technological expertise and implementation of the Court Services and Information Technology Divisions.

The AOC also houses basic support departments such as Human Resources and Finance, but there exists more specialized departments such as the Family Court Division, the Legal Division, the Judicial Study Commission, and the Public Information Office. The AOC is most specifically made up of talented individuals from many walks of life serving the needs of their fellow citizens.

### COURT SERVICES AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DIVISION

The Court Services and Information Technology (CS/IT) Division provides the support necessary for the day-to-day business operations of the Unified Judicial System both in the trial courts and the Administrative Office of Courts. The CS/IT Division aids in the enhancement of administrative functions using technology and coordinates with state agencies regarding sharing of services and information. The CS/IT Division makes available public information to the criminal justice community, social and juvenile services, and the public as a whole. Additionally, this division offers online services to all 67 counties at all court sites, juvenile offices, and pardons and paroles offices. Finally, the CS/IT Division maintains current UJS applications as well as new developments and upgrades.

The largest area of operation within the AOC is the Information Technology Division, which is responsible for the development and maintenance of automation within the UJS. The sections in this area include: Applications Programming, Information

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Technology Support, Information Technology Helpdesk, Mainframe, and Networking.

## APPLICATIONS PROGRAMMING

This section is responsible for the development and the maintenance of all automated systems supporting the information management needs of the UJS. This section designs, develops, tests, implements and maintains the mainframe and server-based applications that comprise the Alabama Statewide Judicial Information Systems (SJIS).

Project management functions are provided to judicial system contractors and business partners. On a daily basis, this section performs system analysis, develops product specifications, tests, approves and implements new systems, and serves as a mediator between user groups and contractors.

One of the premiere case management applications in the nation can be found in Alabama; MIDAS (Model Integrated Defendant Access System) was developed for use by Alabama Court Referral Officers in 2003. The application allows users the opportunity to manage offenders from one application; court records, criminal and driving histories and case management functionality are available in one location.

In 2005, MIDAS was rewritten with new functionality that allowed Drug Courts, District Attorneys, and Community Corrections Officers to utilize the application. In 2007, MIDAS was rewritten for the third time. The Board of Pardons and Paroles noticed the efficiency of MIDAS and decided to take the MIDAS application and modify it to meet their needs. The Board of Pardons and Paroles identifies their version as ISIS (Integrated Supervision Information System). Also in 2007, Juvenile Probation Officers saw the impact MIDAS was making as a complete defendant case management tool and released their version of MIDAS, named JUPITIR

(Juvenile Probation Intake Treatment Integrated Resource), in the summer of 2009.

In 2010, the eAppellate application was upgraded with new functionality that enables clerks to process appeals for Juvenile (JU) court cases to the Alabama Court of Civil Appeals or the Alabama Court of Criminal Appeals. Additionally, the upgrade included a number of security enhancements and coding modifications designed to improve performance.

In February 2010, a new in-house helpdesk trouble ticketing system was deployed. SHARK (Service Helpdesk Assistance Repair and Knowledge) provides an avenue for UJS users to report and track technical support issues by submitting a “ticket” via a website interface. SHARK allows user requests for assistance to be acted upon in a timelier manner than previous error reporting methods.

## INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (IT) SUPPORT

The Information Technology (IT) Support section provides training and support of technology related projects. Typical project management duties include staffing a telephone support desk and ticket management system, application training, video conferencing, preparing narrative reports, preparing manuals, creating online tutorials, testing of applications, and processing requirements for application development. IT Support serves as the liaison between the users and the technical staff. Goals for 2012 include the continued development, implementation and training of statewide criminal e-filing as well as attorney fee declarations, batch e-docketing of motions and garnishments.

Since 2009, IT support has completed over 25,000 trouble tickets and assisted with nearly 15,000 calls per year. To date, there have been more than 8 million documents e-filed. These e-filings consisted of Complaints, Answers, Motions, Notices of Discovery, Subpoenas, and Orders. Because of technology, there are nearly 47 million images stored, and

these images are being added to at a rate of one million new images each month. AlaPay generates more than \$2 million monthly. For fiscal year 2011, AlaPay generated more than \$24 million. AlaFile revenue to date is over \$89.6 million. Clearly, everything has arrived in Alabama.

#### *Applications Supported:*

- AlaCourtPlus
- AlaCourt
- AlaFile
- AlaVault
- AlaPay
- eAppellate
- eCitation (eSearch and eSwear)
- eTranscripts
- Juvenile Applications (Probation and Detention)

#### **MAINFRAME**

The Mainframe section of the Administrative Office of Courts is responsible for the availability for the Statewide Judicial Information System (SJIS) which handles an average of one million transactions per day. Among these responsibilities are making sure the online aspects of our system are available and operating at optimum performance, providing assistance to users concerning report output, maintaining Mainframe equipment at user sites, and handling large volumes of mailed output.

The Mainframe system is constantly monitored to make sure there are no problems that could affect the SJIS users and others that require information from SJIS. The Mainframe section is responsible for the safety of SJIS data and provides for data integrity and timely backups of all data on a daily basis. The Mainframe section also insures that all Mainframe software is up-to-date and configured properly as

well as providing technical support to other sections of the AOC.

A goal for 2012 is to develop a plan for migrating the mainframe to the dot-net (.net) platform. This process is expected to take up to five years to complete.

#### **NETWORKING/IT HELPDESK**

Information Technology (IT) Infrastructure Management is responsible for the day-to-day operations of the Alabama Unified Judicial System's network and servers, providing services to over 3,000 users spread over 125 locations utilizing server and networking resources located at the Alabama Judicial Building Data Center. Helpdesk personnel receive 1,000 calls for assistance each month.

#### *Responsible for engineering and managing:*

- Wired and wireless connectivity (T1, DSL, Metro E)
- Firewalls, virus, and spam protection
- Servers and databases
- Remote network access via VPN clients
- 24/7 monitoring and problem resolution
- Authentication and authorization services through Active Directory
- Point-to-point data connections to outside agencies
- Electronic Mail Services

#### **ACCOUNTABILITY COURTS**

The relationship between substance abuse, criminal activity, violence, increasing court caseloads, prison overcrowding, recidivism, death, and injury are well documented. Costs associated with these problems are staggering in terms of financial hardship as well as human tragedy.

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## DRUG COURTS

Alabama currently faces severe issues with prison overcrowding. Model Drug Courts are one way of dealing with this problem. Drug Courts represent the coordinated efforts of the judiciary, prosecution, defense, probation, law enforcement, mental health, social services, and the treatment community to actively and forcefully intervene and break the cycle of substance abuse, addiction, and crime.

Currently, there are 67 adult Drug Courts in 63 of Alabama's 67 counties, with the goal of an additional three adult Drug Courts being added by the end of 2012. On average, there are 2,300 active Drug Court participants each month in Alabama. Drug Courts are utilized as an alternative sentencing method to: (1) assist non-violent offenders who have committed offenses while under the influence of alcohol or drugs to be given the opportunity to turn their lives around, and (2) make the public safer while reducing the demand for prison space.

## COURT REFERRAL OFFICER AND EDUCATION PROGRAMS

The Court Referral Officer (CRO) Program began in 1985 as a pilot program to assist judges in early identification and placement of DUI offenders as one method of reducing the devastating problem of drunk driving. Since the implementation of the Mandatory Treatment Act of 1990, Court Referral Officers have provided services to defendants in a broader spectrum of cases related to alcohol and drug use or abuse. The CRO and Court Referral Education Programs are Alabama's legacy programs when dealing with alcohol and drug offenses.

CROs are a key ingredient in Alabama's comprehensive approach to the management of case involving substance abuse or other related issues. Utilizing the Operational Screening Criteria provide a thorough evaluation and make the appropriate recommendations for each defendant. This important in-

formation will ensure placement of each defendant in the most appropriate program to supplement traditional judicial sanctions.

Local Court Referral Programs were developed to assist defendants with alcohol and drug abuse-related offenses with education and/or treatment referral services and to able to act as "resource brokers" within local communities. These programs have been designed to be used in conjunction with court orders and not as a replacement for judicial sanctions.

In fiscal year 2011, 27,404 defendants were evaluated and referred for education or treatment. Of these defendants, 5,179 were placed in the Level I education programs, 11,246 were placed in the Level II education programs, and 5,139 were referred to Level III outpatient or inpatient programs. There were more than 142,045 monitoring sessions conducted in 2011.

The AOC certifies and contracts with 28 agencies to provide alcohol and drug education programs and more than 100 CROs to evaluate defendants and provide monitoring sessions throughout the state. The Court Referral Program receives no General Fund monies.

Many Community Corrections and Drug Court programs across Alabama include Court Referral Officers. This important meshing of these services has met with broad success.

## TRIAL COURTS

The Trial Courts Section of the Court Services/IT Division serves trial courts through the SJIS Helpdesk, Traffic Call Center, Income Tax Intercept Program, and Accounting/Bookkeeping Program. In fiscal year 2011, there were 905,991 filings and 920,774 dispositions in District Courts. In Circuit Courts, there were 214,899 filings and 212,153 dispositions.



The Income Tax Intercept Program interacts with the public, as well as the trial courts, in providing information that streamlines the collection of court ordered monies and assists circuit clerk's offices by diverting information inquiries to a central location. In fiscal year 2011, \$2,313,363 was recovered in delinquent court ordered monies through this section.

The SJIS Helpdesk and Accounting/Bookkeeping Program provide technical assistance with the processes of the State Judicial Information System (SJIS) through training, manuals, inquiries, and problem resolution.

The Traffic Call Center handled almost 200,000 cases and collected more than \$24 million in court fines and fees in fiscal year 2011.

## EDUCATION AND PLANNING DIVISION

The Alabama Judicial College, a section of the Education and Planning Division of the Administrative Office of Courts, is charged with the implementation of a comprehensive plan that addresses the educational, developmental, and training needs of members of the Unified Judicial System. Continuing education and training programs administered by the Alabama Judicial College recognize the career development needs of court officials and employees. The College develops and coordinates over sixty meetings on a yearly basis which include on-site and off-site conferences, regional trainings, and seminars for officials and employees of the circuit, district, and municipal courts. Since its inception, the College has followed a comprehensive model of adult learning theory which emphasizes continuing education of all court officials and staff to enhance the proper administration of justice.

During Fiscal Year 2011, the Alabama Judicial College planned and facilitated 14 municipal magistrate orientation programs, 14 off-site training conferences that served over 1,350 Unified Judicial System officials and employees, two specialty Attorney-Parent trainings in which 125 participants attended, and coordinated Chief Justice Malone's Investiture Ceremony with an estimated 600 in attendance. For the third straight year, the largest group served was the certification and/or re-certification of Guardians Ad Litem. The Alabama Judicial College continues to have many in-house trainings and meetings with over 1,000 court officials and employees participating.

## FAMILY COURT DIVISION

The Family Court Division provides services in seven different, but related, areas for the Alabama judicial system. Those areas include:

- Unified Family Courts
- Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative (JDAI)
- Juvenile Probation Services
- Access and Visitation Grant Program
- Court Improvement Program Grants
- Judicial Volunteer Program
- Child Support

The goal of this division is to provide a wide array of services so that the juvenile and family courts can be more efficient and effective for families and children in Alabama.

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## UNIFIED FAMILY COURTS

The concept of a unified family court is to place cases dealing with juvenile and family law in one court in order to serve the families more effectively and efficiently. Family Courts have been established, either by statute or Supreme Court rule, in the following counties:

- Calhoun
- Cleburne
- Dale
- Geneva
- Henry
- Houston
- Jefferson
- Lee
- Madison
- Marshall
- Mobile
- Montgomery
- Russell
- Tuscaloosa

## JUVENILE DETENTION ALTERNATIVES INITIATIVE

The Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative (JDAI) is an initiative of the Annie E. Casey Foundation and is designed to support the Casey Foundation's vision that all youth involved in the juvenile justice system have opportunities to develop into healthy, productive adults.

After more than a decade of innovations and replication, JDAI is one of the nation's most effective, influential, and widespread juvenile justice system

reform initiatives. JDAI focuses on the juvenile detention component of the juvenile justice system because youth who are unnecessarily detained are done so at great expense, and often with long-lasting unintended consequences for both public safety and youth development.

JDAI began in Alabama with visits to four sites in the summer of 2007. The sites visited were Mobile, Montgomery, Tuscaloosa, and Birmingham. After the initial site visits, all four sites were chosen to participate in the JDAI project. The Annie E. Casey Foundation then awarded the State, through the Administrative office of Courts, a grant of \$150,000 to begin the project. Those funds were distributed to the four selected counties to help offset costs incurred in commencing the detention alternative reform efforts. Through the efforts of then Chief Justice Sue Bell Cobb, the AOC was able to attain an equal amount from the Governor's office for the first year, as a match to the Casey grant.

In 2008, JDAI sites experienced dramatic drops in the average daily population of children in secure confinement, with some sites experiencing forty percent reductions. The JDAI experience has filtered throughout the State as evidenced by the forty-two percent decrease in the average daily population of children in the custody of the Alabama Department of Youth Services.

Fiscal Years 2006 through 2008 saw a decrease in juveniles admitted to the Department of Youth Services of approximately thirty percent. During Calendar Year 2009, there was also a decrease in admissions to the Department of Youth Services of approximately twenty-seven percent. Thus, through the first two years of the JDAI effort in Alabama, there have been significant decreases in juveniles admitted to the Department of Youth Services. Likewise, there has been a sustained decrease in juveniles admitted to local juvenile detention facilities, not only in the four designated JDAI counties, but also

for all state juvenile detention facilities. Alabama is currently in the fourth year of its formal agreement with the Casey Foundation. Alabama is poised to take the lessons learned in this experience and to continue the work going forward.

Preliminary results from fiscal year 2011 data show that the substantial decreases in detention and commitment of children remained constant.

## JUVENILE PROBATION SERVICES

The Family Court Division manages the State Juvenile Probation Officer Program, which was created in 2000 in response to the mandate of the Alabama Legislature in § 12-5A-11, *Code of Alabama* 1975.

Juvenile probation officers are an integral part of the juvenile justice system. Juvenile probation officers perform a variety of services which are essential to the proper operation of the juvenile courts including working primarily with youths who are alleged to be delinquent or in need of supervision.

It is the intent of the Legislature that a comprehensive system of juvenile probation services be developed, implemented, and administered statewide by the Administrative Office of Courts.

The functions of the Family Court Division, with respect to juvenile probation officers, include the establishment of statewide guidelines, certification, and training standards. There are 310 juvenile probation officers statewide. Of those, 193 are employed by the Unified Judicial System, along with 31 UJS juvenile support personnel. These personnel serve 62 of Alabama's 67 counties. The program provides juvenile probation salary subsidies to the five counties in which juvenile probation officers are county employees.

## ACCESS AND VISITATION GRANT PROGRAM

The Administrative Office of Courts, through the Family Court Division, administers the federally-

funded Access and Visitation Grant Program, the goal of which is to develop programs and services to improve noncustodial parents' access to and visitation with their children. The Grant has an Advisory Committee, chaired by the Honorable Aubrey Ford, Jr., District Judge of Macon County. Funds from the grant are primarily used to fund subgrantee programs that provide supervised visitation services, mediation of visitation issues, and monitored exchanges.

## COURT IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (CIP) GRANTS

### *BASIC CIP GRANT*

The Basic CIP grant is a federally-funded program that has been administered by the AOC since fiscal year 1995. The goal of the grant is to streamline juvenile court procedures and processes so that children adjudicated dependent may be placed in safe, permanent homes as quickly as possible. The grant has an advisory committee, chaired by the Honorable John W. Davis, retired Montgomery County Family Court Judge. The primary activities of the grant include the following:

- Guardian ad Litem (GAL) Certification and Recertification Training (Note: As of December 31, 2011, 1,346 attorneys are on the certified GAL appointment list)
- Parents' Attorney Training
- Probate/Juvenile Judge Subcommittee
- Collaborative Activities with the Alabama Department of Human Resources (DHR)
- Assessment of the Alabama Juvenile and Family Courts
- Four Pilot Juvenile courts (Mobile, Tuscaloosa, Lauderdale, and Marshall Counties)
- Creation of Guidelines for Handling Domestic Violence Issues in Dependency Cases
- Study of Juvenile Indigent Defense Issues

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- Assessment of the Alabama Juvenile and Family Courts

## *CIP TRAINING GRANT*

Beginning in September 2006, the AOC, through the Family Court Division, began administering a grant from the federal government primarily to be utilized for training initiatives. This grant has an advisory committee, chaired by the Honorable John W. Davis. The primary objectives of this grant include training new juvenile and family court judges, administrative support assistants, and other juvenile court officials and employees on various topics when needed.

## *CIP DATA COLLECTION AND ANALYSIS GRANT*

Beginning in September 2006, the AOC, through the Family Court Division, began administering another grant from the federal government primarily to be utilized for data collection and analysis to help ensure that foster children's needs for safety, permanency, and well-being are met in a timely and complete manner. The grant advisory committee is the Juvenile Technology Committee. Primary activities include:

- Continual updating and revising current data collection methods
- Developing cross system collaboration between existing state systems
- Developing and implementing enhancements to the electronic information systems
- Developing an "alert" system to ensure that timelines for dependency cases are compliant with federal and state statutes.

## **THE JUDICIAL VOLUNTEER PROGRAM**

By order of the Supreme Court of Alabama dated January 19, 2000, effective March 1, 2000, Rule 42, Alabama Rules of Judicial Administration, was

adopted allowing the use of a Judicial Volunteer Program in those circuit or district courts choosing to do so.

Carefully screened, interviewed, and trained citizen-volunteers are utilized in appropriate programs to assist in the court process. There are ten judicial volunteer programs throughout Alabama. Most programs have a judicial volunteer program coordinator overseeing these programs.

One aspect of the Judicial Volunteer Program is the Juvenile Conference Committee. Juvenile Conference Committees are authorized pursuant to Rule 15.1, Alabama Rules of Juvenile Procedure. Through the use of JCCs, a large percentage of petitions filed in juvenile court can be diverted and disposed of expeditiously. The Juvenile Court can then devote more time to dealing with the serious and repeat juvenile offenders.

Another aspect of the Judicial Volunteer Program is district court mediation in which trained volunteers are used as mediators in specific cases in district court, mostly small claims.

## **CHILD SUPPORT**

The Alabama Central Disbursement Division (ACDD) is a division that was established as a result of a federal law known as the Welfare Reform Act of 1996. This law required a single location in each state where employers could send wage-withheld child support payments to be processed. In 2011, \$164,102,618.60 was collected and disbursed.

Non IV-D payments (or wage withheld payments processed through the clerk's office and not processed through the Department of Human Resources) are receipted at a central location and are disbursed by the ACDD. Payments are receipted one day and then disbursed by direct deposit, debit card, or paper check to the recipient the next business day.

Inquiries about child support are handled by the ACDD. The ACDD does not establish, support, or enforce child support orders, and does not maintain court files or answer questions about cases.

## JUVENILE DRUG COURTS

Juvenile Drug Courts differ from Adult Drug Courts in that adolescents frequently are not yet chemically dependent. The drug court team addresses not only the needs of the offenders themselves, but the needs of the family unit as well. Juvenile Drug Courts are established as two types: Juvenile Delinquency and Family Dependency Drug Courts.

Juvenile Delinquency Drug Courts are designed to reduce substance abuse and recidivism among juvenile offenders through the use of intensive court supervision, developmentally appropriate substance abuse treatment, education and/or vocational services and positive reinforcements to maximize a juvenile's opportunities of success. These programs empower juveniles and their families with the tools to develop prosocial behavior and supports through strength-based interventions and rehabilitation services tailored to the needs of the families and each individual juvenile. This is accomplished through a team collaboration of community resources, the District Attorney's office, defense attorneys, the school system, treatment providers, juvenile probation office, and the judge. The intensive supervision and positive reinforcements support the youth as they develop a drug free lifestyle and resist further criminal activity.

Family Dependency Drug Courts are an integrated, court-based collaboration that provide for long term counseling, intensive case management, and frequent court appearances. These programs provide infants and children whose health and welfare may be adversely affected by parental use of drugs and/or alcohol with a mechanism that will strengthen the family unit, enhance parental capacity

to meet their health developmental needs of their children, and expedite permanency for the infants and children in state care. Successful completion of the Family Drug Court program provides parents with the skills necessary to rebuild their lives. Through proactive intervention by the Drug Court, higher rates of reunification occur and children will spend less time in out-of-home placements.

Prior to July 1, 2009, there were six Juvenile Delinquency Drug Courts and five Family Dependency Drug Courts operating in eight counties in the State of Alabama. Through an appropriation from the Alabama Legislature, funds were made available to counties to begin or maintain existing drug courts.

There are now twelve Juvenile Delinquency Drug Courts and eight Juvenile Dependency Drug Courts operating in twelve counties in Alabama.

## FINANCE DIVISION

The Finance Division of the Administrative Office of Courts, under the direction of the UJS Finance Director, is charged with the professional management of all funding resources allocated to the AOC and the judicial trial courts of the State of Alabama. Support services are provided in the areas of budget preparation, accounting, purchasing, executive contract reviews, state agency contracts, county expense claims, property inventory, records management, and UJS expenditure management. The Finance Director serves as a liaison with the appellate courts regarding fiscal matters and responds to questions pertaining to judicial finances from the Alabama legislature and executive branches of government. The total budget allocated to the trial courts and the Administrative Office of Courts for fiscal



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year 2011 was \$181,508,677. This was after the appropriation was prorated \$2,779,043.

The State of Alabama implemented a SMART governing process approximately six years ago. SMART is an acronym for “Specific results, Measurable key goals, Accountable to stakeholders, Responsive to customers, and Transparent to everyone.” SMART governing is a strategic structure to achieve ongoing improvement to Alabama’s government. Agencies must institute organizational plans, link plans to budget requests and appropriations, and create meaningful performance measures.

Additionally, the responsibilities of the UJS Finance Division include revenue systems and juror payments. Grants awarded to the Administrative Office of Courts and trust accounts are administered by the grants accountant and the various project managers, in accordance with the appropriate policies and procedures. Expenditure vouchers are processed by accounting staff in accordance with procedures administered by the State Comptroller, as well as the monthly balancing of all revenues and expen-

ditures. The UJS Finance Division participates in financial and property audits as scheduled and coordinated with the State Examiner of Public Accounts and Office of the State Auditor to ensure compliance with all State government procedures and accountability.

Approximately 56,120 jurors served the Circuit Courts of Alabama during the prior of October 1, 2010, through September 30, 2011. Interest in the amount of \$317.68 was earned and deposited in the State General Fund during this period.

The Unified Judicial System currently has approximately 11,035 active State property assets with a value of \$500 or more. These commodities are currently included on the statewide UJS inventory with an acquisition value in excess of \$15,259,656.56. Finance has the responsibility of overseeing property management within the Alabama circuit and district courts and the AOC for state-owned commodities.



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## UNIFIED JUDICIAL SYSTEM FISCAL YEAR 2011-2012 BUDGETS THREE YEAR COMPARATIVE SUMMARY

	FY 2009-2010 Expenditures	FY 2010-2011 Expenditures	FY 2011-2012 Budget	\$ Increase (Decrease)	% Increase (Decrease)
<b>GENERAL FUND</b>					
Unified Judicial System	\$162,333,962	\$126,567,806	\$104,317,781	(\$22,250,025)	(17.58%)
Supreme Court	\$8,922,412	\$9,237,791	\$9,775,583	\$537,792	5.82%
Court of Criminal Appeals	\$4,047,454	\$3,909,461	\$4,634,862	\$725,401	18.56%
Court of Civil Appeals	\$3,538,620	\$3,610,579	\$3,529,476	(\$81,103)	(2.25%)
Supreme Court Library	\$1,405,763	\$1,102,333	\$1,286,144	\$183,811	16.67%
Judicial Inquiry Commission	\$467,516	\$568,745	\$827,316	\$258,571	45.46%
<b>TOTAL GENERAL FUND</b>	\$180,715,727	\$144,996,715	\$124,371,162	(\$20,625,553)	(14.22%)
<b>GRANTS &amp; TRUST FUNDS</b>					
Road & Bridge Fund	-0-	\$25,000,000	\$35,000,000	\$10,000,00	40.00%
Advanced Technology Fund	\$4,508,408	\$5,076,215	\$5,473,454	\$397,239	7.83%
Mandatory Treatment Program	\$4,420,739	\$6,423,325	\$6,575,921	\$152,596	2.38%
Juvenile Probation Fund—Tobacco	\$3,829,532	\$5,541,480	\$5,742,298	\$200,818	3.62%
Juvenile Probation Fund—County	-0-	\$1,020	-0-	(\$1,020)	100.00%
Court Automation Fund	\$2,234,990	\$3,050,519	\$4,000,000	\$949,481	31.13%
Federal & Local Funds	\$8,463,401	\$14,057,138	\$12,948,188	(\$1,108,950)	(7.89%)
AOC Recovery Stimulus Fund	-0-	\$92,535	\$350,000	\$257,465	278.24%
<b>TOTAL GRANTS &amp; TRUST FUNDS</b>	\$23,457,070	\$59,242,232	\$70,089,861	\$10,847,629	18.31%
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	\$204,172,797	\$204,238,947	\$194,461,023	(\$9,777,924)	(4.79%)

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## HUMAN RESOURCES DIVISION

The Human Resources Division of the Administrative Office of Courts provides a full range of human resources services to the judicial branch of government and the general public. Direct support is provided to approximately 2,156 Unified Judicial System officials and employees. As of December 2011, these officials and employees include 155 appellate judges and employees, 1,738 trial court officials and employees, 3 Alabama Sentencing Commission employees, 176 county funded employees, and 84 Administrative Office of Courts staff.

### PERSONNEL OPERATIONS

The personnel operations section of this division processes all personnel actions. In fiscal year 2011, more than 3,249 separate actions were processed manually, including appointments, separations, leaves without pay, three and six month probationary paperwork, and longevity bonuses, as well as other miscellaneous actions such as tax, address, and name changes. The operations section maintains all employee personnel records and position control for the judicial branch of government, using an automated information system and periodic reports. This section also audits all Unified Judicial System payrolls and certifies state service for the annual longevity bonus.

### PAYROLL OPERATIONS

The payroll section of Human Resources provides or processes services such as: daily data entry, timesheets, one-time pay, supplemental pay, circuit clerks' restitution, reimbursement checks, mail-outs of payroll warrants, tracks payroll warrants, Title IV-D payments, duplicate/cancelled warrants, county supplement, FICA cut offs, W-2 requests through

the year, JPO fund updates, insurance, reimbursement for separated/terminated/retired employees, longevity bonuses, deferred compensation (e.g., Great-West, RSA-1, United Way) funding source/organization code changes, unemployment compensation, insurance billing, direct deposits, employment verifications, retirement contributions, and miscellaneous deduction.

### FRINGE BENEFITS

The Human Resources Division is responsible for monitoring a leave program (HRDesktop) for approximately 1,500 leave-earning UJS employees. Because leave represents a potential debt of the UJS, the Human Resources Division audits leave accounts annually. In calendar year 2011, the AOC and the trial courts' total leave liability exceeded \$14,044,305.86 and separation costs exceeded \$1,410,438.90.

### TESTING AND RECRUITMENT

For fiscal year 2011, approximately 500 applicants took the written court specialist examinations that were given at eight test sites around the state. In addition to maintaining the open and promotional court specialist registers, the division issued numerous special job announcements for positions at the AOC, the trial courts, the appellate courts, and the State Law Library.

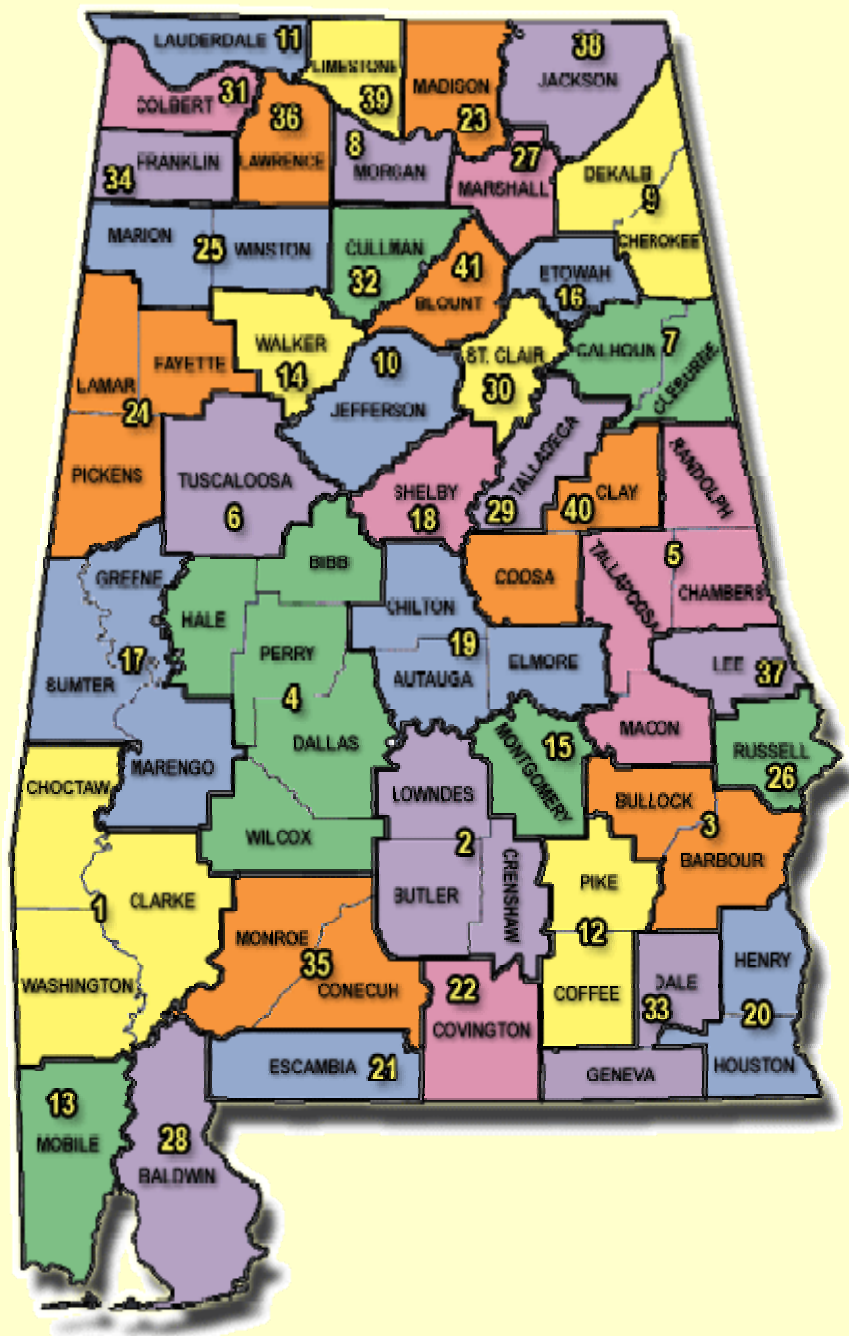
### EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

As of December 2011, there were 379 minorities employed in the UJS. This included 39 elected officials. Minorities comprised 17.6 percent of the total Unified Judicial System work force. The Human Resources Director is also the EEOC Officer for the UJS.

## LEGAL DIVISION

The Legal Division provides the Chief Justice, the Administrative Director of Courts, the circuit and district judges of Alabama, the circuit clerks, and the AOC division directors with advice and assistance regarding legal issues that arise in the performance of their respective duties and in the operation and administration of the Unified Judicial System in general. Upon request, the staff attorneys provide legal research and legal opinions to judges and other court officials, as well as provide updates on changes in statutory and case law, court rules, court manuals, and approved UJS forms. The Legal Division also assists with case and jury management issues as well as assistance to other AOC divisions and the Judicial College in providing instruction, training, and education to court officials and their staffs at periodic training sessions, education seminars, and semi-annual conferences.

# JUDICIAL CIRCUITS OF ALABAMA



*The Autauga County Courthouse was built in 1906, replacing the 1870 Italianate courthouse still standing today in downtown Prattville. The current courthouse was built in the modified Richardsonian Romanesque style. The courthouse was remodeled and an addition was built in 1962.*



There were 1,618 cases filed in Autauga Circuit Court in fiscal year 2011. Of those, 28% were criminal cases, 31% were civil cases, and 41% were domestic or juvenile cases. The Circuit Court disposed of 1,789 cases during the fiscal year.

During fiscal year 2011, 11,654 cases were filed in Autauga District Court. Of those, 9% were criminal cases, 66% were traffic cases, 14% were small claims cases, 4% were other civil cases, 2% were juvenile cases, and 6% were child support cases. The District Court disposed of 12,652 cases during the fiscal year.



**Judicial Circuit:** 19th

**Circuit Judges:**

Ben A. Fuller (Presiding)  
John B. Bush  
Sibley G. Reynolds

**District Judge:**

Joy P. Booth

**Circuit Clerk:**

William W. "Whit" Moncrief

**Address:**

Autauga County Courthouse  
Post Office Box 681450  
134 North Court Street  
Prattville, Alabama 36068

**Telephone:**

(334) 358-6801

**Population:**

54,571



# BALDWIN COUNTY



*The Baldwin County Courthouse was designed in the Richardsonian Romanesque style by noted architect Frank Lockwood and built in 1901 after an election to move the courthouse from Daphne to Bay Minette. The courthouse stood vacant until 1905 when Bay Minette citizens physically removed all county records from the Daphne courthouse during the darkness of night in one of the most heated controversies of courthouse removal in Alabama history. The courthouse was remodeled and expanded in 1955. It was altered and remodeled again in 1988.*

**Judicial Circuit:** 28th

## **Circuit Judges:**

James H. Reid (Presiding)  
Carmen E. Bosch  
J. Langdon Floyd  
Charles C. Partin, III  
Robert E. Wilters

## **District Judges:**

Jody W. Bishop  
Michelle M. Thomason

## **Circuit Clerk:**

Jody Wise Campbell

## **Address:**

Baldwin County Courthouse  
312 Courthouse Square  
Bay Minette, Alabama 36507

## **Telephone:**

(251) 937-0280

## **Population:**

182,265

There were 10,542 cases filed in Baldwin Circuit Court in fiscal year 2011. Of those, 31% were criminal cases, 19% percent were civil cases, 25% were domestic cases, 17% were juvenile cases, and 8% were child support cases. The Circuit Court disposed of 11,645 cases during the fiscal year.

During fiscal year 2011, 36,542 cases were filed in Baldwin District Court. Of those, 17% were criminal cases, 69% were traffic cases, 9% were small claims, and 5% percent were other civil cases. The District Court disposed of 36,484 cases during the fiscal year.





## BARBOUR COUNTY

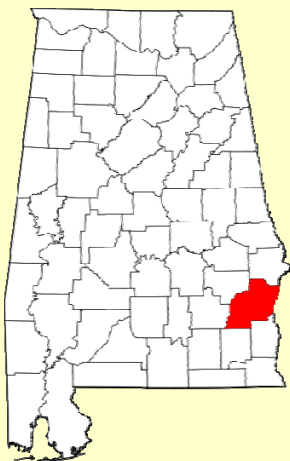
*Barbour County has two courthouses — one in Clayton (pictured) and one in Eufaula. The courthouse in Clayton was constructed in 1961 for \$414, 030 and designed by Carl Herbert Lancaster, Jr., of Montgomery. It replaced an antebellum Greek revival courthouse.*

*The Eufaula courthouse was constructed in 1924 as a courthouse and city hall. It was renovated and expanded in 1986 and is now used exclusively as a courthouse.*



There were 955 cases filed in Barbour Circuit Court in fiscal year 2011. Of those, 49% were criminal cases, 20% were civil cases, and 31% percent were domestic cases. The Circuit Court disposed of 957 cases during the fiscal year.

During fiscal year 2011, 6,261 cases were filed in Barbour District Court. Of those, 15% percent were criminal cases, 54% percent were traffic cases, 13% percent were small claims, 2% were other civil cases, 4% were juvenile cases, and 12% were child support cases. The District Court disposed of 7,040 cases during the fiscal year.



**Judicial Circuit:** 3rd

**Circuit Judge:**  
L. Burt Smithart

**District Judge:**  
Jonathon M. Horne

**Circuit Clerk:**  
David S. Nix

**Address:**  
Barbour County Courthouse  
Post Office Box 219  
One Court Square  
Clayton, Alabama 36016

Barbour County Courthouse  
303 East Broad Street  
Eufaula, Alabama 36027

**Telephone:**  
(334) 775-8366 (Clayton)  
(334) 687-1500 (Eufaula)

**Population:**  
27,457

# BIBB COUNTY



*The Bibb County Courthouse was constructed in 1902 at a cost of \$34,000 and was designed by William S. Hull, the architect who also designed the Choctaw County Courthouse. It is built in the Victorian Eclectic style with strong Romanesque influence.*

**Judicial Circuit:** 4th

**Circuit Judges:**

Marvin W. Wiggins (Presiding)  
Thomas ap R. Jones  
Jack W. Meigs

**District Judge:**

William D. Owings

**Circuit Clerk:**

Gayle S. Bearden

**Address:**

Bibb County Courthouse  
Post Office Box 185  
35 Courthouse Square, East  
Centreville, Alabama 35042

**Telephone:**

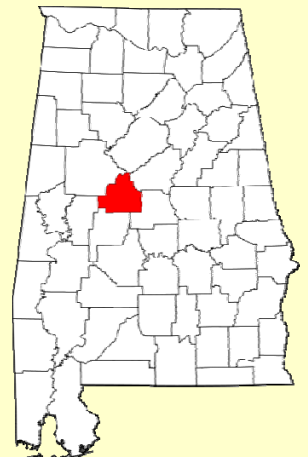
(205) 926-3103

**Population:**

22,915

There were 762 cases filed in Bibb Circuit Court in fiscal year 2011. Of those, 34% were criminal cases, 25% were civil cases, and 41% were domestic cases. The Circuit Court disposed of 721 cases during the fiscal year.

During fiscal year 2011, 5,761 cases were filed in Bibb District Court. Of those, 16% were criminal cases, 63% were traffic cases, 3% were small claims, 2% were other civil cases, 9% were juvenile cases, and 6% were child support cases. The District Court disposed of 5,905 cases during the fiscal year.

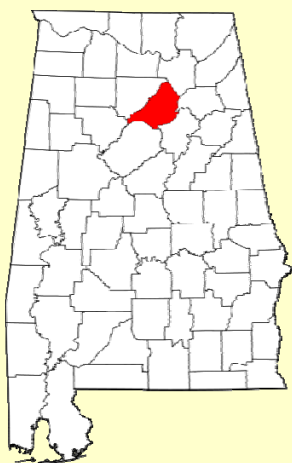


*The Blount County Courthouse was constructed in 1955 at a cost of one million dollars. J. Martin Lide was its architect.*



There were 1,677 cases filed in Blount Circuit Court in fiscal year 2011. Of those, 41% were criminal cases, 28% were civil cases, and 31% were domestic cases. The Circuit Court disposed of 1,425 cases during the fiscal year.

During fiscal year 2011, 9,205 cases were filed in Blount District Court. Of those, 17% were criminal cases, 68% were traffic cases, 5% were small claims, 3% were other civil cases, 5% were juvenile cases, and 2% were child support cases. The District Court disposed of 9,440 cases during the fiscal year.



**Judicial Circuit:** 41st

**Circuit Judge:**  
Steven D. King

**District Judge:**  
Sherry C. Burns

**Circuit Clerk:**  
Michael E. Criswell

**Address:**  
Blount County Courthouse  
220 Second Avenue, East  
Oneonta, Alabama 35121

**Telephone:**  
(205) 625-4153

**Population:**  
57,322

# BULLOCK COUNTY



*The Bullock County Courthouse was constructed in 1872, six years after the formation of Bullock County. The courthouse was built in the Second Empire style and was patterned after an executive building in Washington, D.C. Construction costs totaled \$60,000. The courthouse underwent a multi-million dollar renovation in 1992.*

**Judicial Circuit:** 3rd

**Circuit Judge:**

L. Burt Smithart

**District Judge:**

Theresa J. Daniel

**Circuit Clerk:**

Wilbert M. Jernigan

**Address:**

Bullock County Courthouse  
Post Office Box 230  
217 North Prairie Street  
Union Springs, Alabama 36089

**Telephone:**

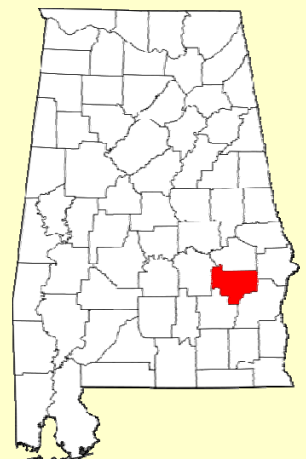
(334) 738-2280

**Population:**

10,914

There were 388 cases filed in Bullock Circuit Court in fiscal year 2011. Of those, 59% were criminal cases, 30% were civil cases, and 11% were domestic cases. The Circuit Court disposed of 314 cases during the fiscal year.

During fiscal year 2011, 4,677 cases were filed in Bullock District Court. Of those, 9% were criminal cases, 73% were traffic cases, 7% were small claims, 2% were other civil cases, 1% were juvenile cases, and 8% were child support cases. The District Court disposed of 4,517 cases during the fiscal year.





*Built in 1903, the Butler County Courthouse is of late Victorian architecture with eclectic features. Designed by B. B. Smith of Montgomery, construction costs totaled \$60,000. An addition with a modern stone façade was added to the front of the building in the 1950s.*



There were 777 cases filed in Butler Circuit Court in fiscal year 2011. Of those, 53% were criminal cases, 18% were civil cases, and 28% were domestic cases. The Circuit Court disposed of 791 cases during the fiscal year.

During fiscal year 2011, 16,127 cases were filed in Butler District Court. Of those, 10% were criminal cases, 81% were traffic cases, 6% were small claims, 1% were other civil cases, 1% were juvenile cases, and 2% were child support cases. The District Court disposed of 16,520 cases during the fiscal year.



**Judicial Circuit:** 2nd

**Circuit Judge:**  
Terri Bozeman Lovell

**District Judge:**  
James M. Russell, Jr.

**Circuit Clerk:**  
Allen W. Stephenson

**Address:**  
Butler County Courthouse  
Post Office Box 236  
700 Court Square  
Greenville, Alabama 36037

**Telephone:**  
(334) 382-3521

**Population:**  
20,947

# CALHOUN COUNTY



*The Calhoun County Courthouse is one of the earliest Neo-classical courthouses in Alabama. It was constructed 1900-1902 and designed by Atlanta architect James Wingfield Golucke, who designed twenty-seven courthouses in Georgia. The courthouse was gutted by fire in 1931 but was rebuilt without its four cupolas and with a clock tower instead of a dome. In recent years it has been extensively renovated and expanded.*

## Judicial Circuit: 7th

### Circuit Judges:

Malcolm B. Street, Jr. (Presiding)

Brian P. Howell

Debra H. Jones

Brenda S. Stedham

John C. Thomason

### District Judges:

Mannon G. Bankson, Jr.

Laura B. Phillips

Donna E. Rogers

### Circuit Clerk:

H. Ted Hooks

### Address:

Calhoun County Courthouse

25 West 11th Street

Anniston, Alabama 36201

### Telephone:

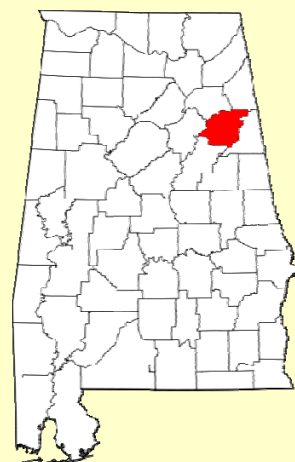
(256) 231-1750

### Population:

118,572

There were 7,672 cases filed in Calhoun Circuit Court in fiscal year 2011. Of those, 37% were criminal cases, 12% were civil cases, 22% were domestic cases, 16% were juvenile cases, and 13% were child support cases. The Circuit Court disposed of 8,099 during the fiscal year.

During fiscal year 2011, 24,838 cases were filed in Calhoun District Court. Of those, 23% were criminal cases, 65% were traffic cases, 7% were small claims, and 5% were other civil cases. The District Court disposed of 26,001 cases during the fiscal year.





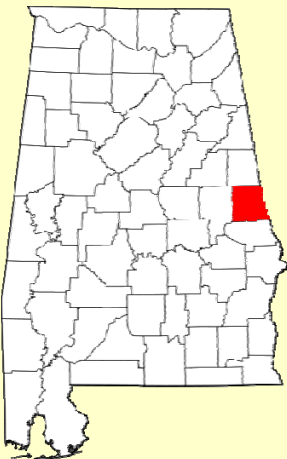
## CHAMBERS COUNTY

*The Chambers County Courthouse was built in 1899. Designed by Atlanta architect James Wingfield Golucke, it is built in the Late Eclectic style, containing Victorian, Greek Revival, and Classical features. Construction costs totaled \$30,000. The dome contains the clock from the 1837 Chambers County Courthouse. An addition was added to the courthouse in 2002 which incorporated several buildings that were on the courthouse square. The courthouse is featured in the movie Mississippi Burning.*



There were 1,109 cases filed in Chambers Circuit Court in fiscal year 2011. Of those, 42% were criminal cases, 28% percent were civil cases, and 30% percent were domestic cases. The Circuit Court disposed of 1,042 cases during the fiscal year.

During fiscal year 2011, 13,985 cases were filed in Chambers District Court. Of those, 20% were criminal cases, 63% were traffic cases, 8% were small claims, 2% percent were other civil cases, 3% were juvenile cases, and 3% were child support cases. The District Court disposed of 13,864 cases during the fiscal year.



**Judicial Circuit:** 5th

**Circuit Judges:**

Ray D. Martin (Presiding)  
Steven R. Perryman  
Tom F. Young, Jr.

**District Judge:**

M. Calvin Milford, Jr.

**Circuit Clerk:**

Charles W. Story

**Address:**

Chambers County Courthouse  
Two Lafayette Street  
Lafayette, Alabama 36862

**Telephone:**

(334) 864-4348

**Population:**

34,215

# CHEROKEE COUNTY



*The Cherokee County Courthouse was constructed in 1936 at a cost of \$80,000. The courthouse was designed by Gadsden, Alabama, architect Paul W. Hofferbert.*

**Judicial Circuit:** 9th

**Circuit Judges:**

Randall L. Cole (Presiding)

David A. Rains

Jeremy S. Taylor

**District Judge:**

Sheri W. Carver

**Circuit Clerk:**

Dwayne Amos

**Address:**

Cherokee County Courthouse

100 Main Street

Centre, Alabama 35960

**Telephone:**

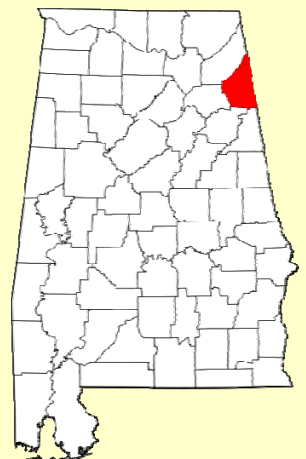
(256) 927-3637

**Population:**

25,989

There were 1,278 cases filed in Cherokee Circuit Court in fiscal year 2011. Of those, 61% were criminal cases, 12% were civil cases, and 27% were domestic cases. The Circuit Court disposed of 1,027 cases during the fiscal year.

During fiscal year 2011, 4,712 cases were filed in Cherokee District Court. Of those, 36% were criminal cases, 43% were traffic cases, 8% were small claims, 3% were other civil cases, 5% were juvenile cases, and 5% were child support cases. The District Court disposed of 4,677 cases during the fiscal year.



# CHILTON COUNTY

*The Chilton County Courthouse was built between 1960 and 1962. It was designed by Charles H. McCauley and Associates of Birmingham, and construction costs totaled over \$700,000.*



There were 1,456 cases filed in Chilton Circuit Court in fiscal year 2011. Of those, 32% were criminal cases, 24% were civil cases, and 44% were domestic cases. The Circuit Court disposed of 1,506 cases during the fiscal year.

During fiscal year 2011, 11,960 cases were filed in Chilton District Court. Of those, 20% were criminal cases, 64% were traffic cases, 8% were small claims, 2% were other civil cases, 2% were juvenile cases, and 3% were child support cases. The District Court disposed of 12,266 cases during the fiscal year.



**Judicial Circuit:** 19th

**Circuit Judges:**

Ben A. Fuller (Presiding)  
John B. Bush  
Sibley G. Reynolds

**District Judge:**

Rhonda J. Hardesty

**Circuit Clerk:**

Glenn D. McGriff

**Address:**

Chilton County Courthouse  
Post Office Box 1946  
500 Second Avenue North  
Clanton, Alabama 35046

**Telephone:**

(205) 755-4275

**Population:**

43,643

# CHOCTAW COUNTY



*The Choctaw County Courthouse was built in 1906 at a cost of \$28,477. It was designed by William S. Hull in the Neo-classical Revival style of architecture. Alterations and additions were made to the courthouse in 1956 and 1965.*

## Judicial Circuit: 1st

### Circuit Judges:

Gaines McCorquodale (Presiding)  
Charles R. Montgomery

### District Judge:

Joe H. Thompson

### Circuit Clerk:

Donna L. Murphy

### Address:

Choctaw County Courthouse  
Post Office Box 428  
117 South Mulberry Street  
Butler, Alabama 36904-0428

### Telephone:

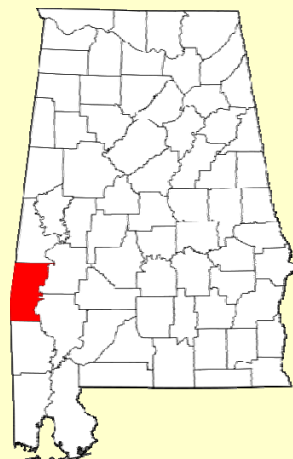
(205) 459-2155

### Population:

13,859

There were 422 cases filed in Choctaw Circuit Court in fiscal year 2011. Of those, 36% were criminal cases, 33% were civil cases, and 32% were domestic cases. The Circuit Court disposed of 400 cases during the fiscal year.

During fiscal year 2011, 3,928 cases were filed in Choctaw District Court. Of those, 15% were criminal cases, 71% were traffic cases, 8% were small claims, 2% percent were other civil cases, 2% were juvenile cases, and 3% were child support cases. The District Court disposed of 4,677 cases during the fiscal year.



# CLARKE COUNTY

*The Clarke County Courthouse was constructed in 1954-1955. Charles H. McCauley of Birmingham was the architect.*



**Judicial Circuit:** 1st

**Circuit Judges:**

Gaines McCorquodale (Presiding)  
Charles R. Montgomery

**District Judge:**

James H. Morgan, Jr.

**Circuit Clerk:**

Jay Duke

**Address:**

Clarke County Courthouse  
117 Court Street  
Post Office Box 921  
Grove Hill, Alabama 36451

**Telephone:**

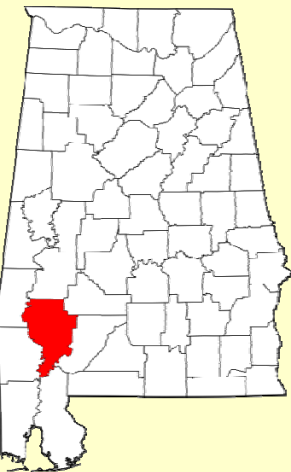
(251) 275-3363

**Population:**

25,833

There were 1,153 cases filed in Clarke Circuit Court in fiscal year 2011. Of those, 59% were criminal cases, 21% were civil cases, and 20% percent were domestic cases. The Circuit Court disposed of 1,202 cases during the fiscal year.

During fiscal year 2011, 5,270 cases were filed in Clarke District Court. Of those, 28% were criminal cases, 40% percent were traffic cases, 17% percent were small claims, 3% percent were other civil cases, 3% were juvenile cases, and 9% were child support cases. The District Court disposed of 5,689 cases during the fiscal year.





# CLAY COUNTY



*The Clay County Courthouse was built in 1906. The architect, Charles W. Carlton, designed it in the Neoclassical style. The Clay County Courthouse sits at the highest elevation of any courthouse in Alabama.*

**Judicial Circuit:** 40th

**Circuit Judge:**

George C. Simpson\*

**District Judge:**

James E. Malone\*\*

**Circuit Clerk:**

Jeffery L. Colburn

**Address:**

Clay County Courthouse  
Post Office Box 816  
Court Square  
Ashland, Alabama 36251

**Telephone:**

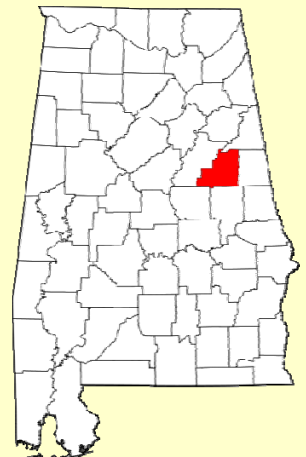
(256) 354-7926

**Population:**

13,932

There were 561 cases filed in Clay Circuit Court in fiscal year 2011. Of those, 52% were criminal cases, 15% were civil cases, and 33% were domestic cases. The Circuit Court disposed of 639 cases during the fiscal year.

During fiscal year 2011, 1,646 cases were filed in Clay District Court. Of those, 18% were criminal cases, 48% were traffic cases, 11% were small claims, 5% were other civil cases, 8% were juvenile cases, and 10% were child support cases. The District Court disposed of 1,819 cases during the fiscal year.



*\* On January 4, 2011, Judge Simpson was appointed circuit judge by Governor Bob Riley upon the retirement of Judge John Rochester.*

*\*\* Governor Riley appointed Judge Malone as district judge on January 4, 2011, after Judge Simpson was named circuit judge.*

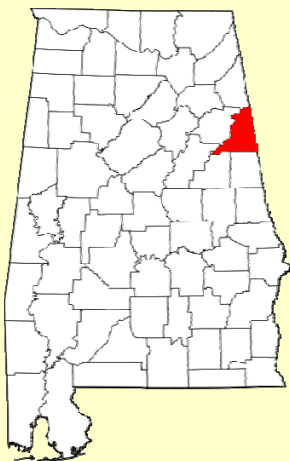
# CLEBURNE COUNTY

*The Cleburne County Courthouse, built in the Neoclassical style, was erected in 1907. Charles W. Carlton was the architect. Two wings were added to the courthouse in 1938.*



There were 832 cases filed in Cleburne Circuit Court in fiscal year 2011. Of those, 53% were criminal cases, 12% were civil cases, and 35% were domestic cases. The Circuit Court disposed of 903 cases during the fiscal year.

During fiscal year 2011, 11,617 cases were filed in Cleburne District Court. Of those, 7% were criminal cases, 88% were traffic cases, 1% were small claims, 1% were other civil cases, 1% were juvenile cases, and 1% were child support cases. The District Court disposed of 13,007 cases during the fiscal year.



**Judicial Circuit:** 7th

**Circuit Judges:**

Malcolm B. Street, Jr. (Presiding)  
Brian P. Howell  
Debra H. Jones  
Brenda S. Stedham  
John C. Thomason

**District Judge:**

Warren Glea Sarrell, Jr.

**Circuit Clerk:**

Jerry Paul Owen

**Address:**

Cleburne County Courthouse  
120 Vickery Street  
Heflin, Alabama 36264

**Telephone:**

(256) 463-2651

**Population:**

14,972

# COFFEE COUNTY



*The Coffee County Courthouse (pictured) in Elba was constructed in 1903 in the Romanesque Revival style of architecture. The courthouse survived floods in 1929, 1990, 1994, and 1998.*

*In 1907 Coffee County was divided into two jurisdictional sections, with Elba serving the western portion of the county and Enterprise serving the eastern portion of the county. The current Coffee County Courthouse in Enterprise was constructed in 1998. The architect of this courthouse was Donofrio & Associates of Dothan.*

**Judicial Circuit:** 12th

**Circuit Judges:**

Jeffery W. Kelley (Presiding)

Shannon R. Clark

Thomas E. Head, III

**District Judge:**

Braxton Paul Sherling

**Circuit Clerk:**

J. Mickey Counts

**Address:**

Coffee County Courthouse

230 Court Avenue

Elba, Alabama 36323

Coffee County Courthouse

P. O. Box 311284

104 North Edwards Street

Enterprise, Alabama 36331

**Telephone:**

(334) 897-2954 (Elba)

(334) 383-2750 (Enterprise)

**Population:**

49,948

There were 2,046 cases filed in Coffee Circuit Court in fiscal year 2011. Of those, 47% were criminal cases, 24% were civil cases, and 28% were domestic cases. The Circuit Court disposed of 2,243 cases during the fiscal year.

During fiscal year 2011, 8,454 cases were filed in Coffee District Court. Of those, 16% were criminal cases, 52% were traffic cases, 19% were small claims, 4% were other civil cases, 4% were juvenile cases, and 5% were child support cases. The District Court disposed of 9,359 cases during the fiscal year.



## COLBERT COUNTY

*The Colbert County Courthouse was originally built in 1881 in the Italianate style of architecture. It included a turret with a four-sided clock. The courthouse burned in 1909 and was rebuilt within the original exterior walls in the Greek Revival style with an octagonal clock tower.*



There were 2,058 cases filed in Colbert Circuit Court in fiscal year 2011. Of those, 31% were criminal cases, 24% were civil cases, and 45% were domestic cases. The Circuit Court disposed of 1,922 cases during the fiscal year.

During fiscal year 2011, 8,343 cases were filed in Colbert District Court. Of those, 14% were criminal cases, 52% were traffic cases, 14% were small claims, 5% were other civil cases, 7% were juvenile cases, and 4% were child support cases. The District Court disposed of 10,066 cases during the fiscal year.



**Judicial Circuit:** 31st

**Circuit Judges:**

Harold V. Hughston, Jr. (Presiding)  
Jacqueline M. Hatcher

**District Judge:**

Chadwick D. Coker

**Circuit Clerk:**

Nancy L. Hearn

**Address:**

Colbert County Courthouse  
Post Office Box 740370  
201 North Main Street  
Tuscumbia, Alabama 35674

**Telephone:**

(256) 386-8512

**Population:**

54,428

# CONECUH COUNTY



*The Conecuh County Courthouse, completed in 2007, is one of Alabama's newest courthouses. Built at a cost of \$6.5 million, the current courthouse replaced the 1901 Victorian courthouse which occupied the same site. The previous courthouse had fallen into disrepair.*

**Judicial Circuit:** 35th

**Circuit Judge:**  
Dawn Wiggins Hare

**District Judge:**  
Jeffrey T. Brock

**Circuit Clerk:**  
David F. Jackson

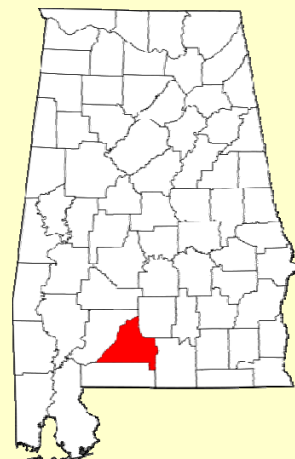
**Address:**  
Conecuh County Courthouse  
111 Court Street  
Evergreen, Alabama 36401

**Telephone:**  
(251) 578-2066

**Population:**  
13,228

There were 439 cases filed in Conecuh Circuit Court in fiscal year 2011. Of those, 41% were criminal cases, 28% were civil cases, and 31% were domestic cases. The Circuit Court disposed of 466 cases during the fiscal year.

During fiscal year 2011, 7,342 cases were filed in Conecuh District Court. Of those, 7% were criminal cases, 81% were traffic cases, 6% were small claims, 1% were other civil cases, 2% were juvenile cases, and 4% were child support cases. The District Court disposed of 7,453 cases during the fiscal year.





*Built in 1858 by Patrick Coniff of Wetumpka, the Coosa County Courthouse was constructed in the Second Empire style of architecture. Construction costs totaled \$10,434.35. It was renovated and enlarged in 1906. A fire in 1925 destroyed the roof and cupolas on the front towers. The courthouse was renovated in 1970; during this renovation the current brick veneer was added to the building.*



There were 344 cases filed in Coosa Circuit Court in fiscal year 2011. Of those, 68% were criminal cases, 19% were civil cases, and 13% were domestic cases. The Circuit Court disposed of 390 cases during the fiscal year.

During fiscal year 2011, 3,671 cases were filed in Coosa District Court. Of those, 18% were criminal cases, 71% were traffic cases, 3% were small claims, 2% were other civil cases, 4% were juvenile cases, and 2% were child support cases. The District Court disposed of 3,523 cases during the fiscal year.



*\* On January 4, 2011, Judge Simpson was appointed circuit judge by Governor Bob Riley upon the retirement of Judge John Rochester.*

**Judicial Circuit:** 40th

**Circuit Judge:**  
George C. Simpson\*

**District Judge:**  
Carlton L. Teel

**Circuit Clerk:**  
Jeffrey A. Wood

**Address:**  
Coosa County Courthouse  
Post Office Box 98  
One Main Street  
Rockford, Alabama 35136

**Telephone:**  
(256) 377-4988

**Population:**  
11,539

# COVINGTON COUNTY



*The Covington County Courthouse was completed in 1918. Built in the Neoclassical Revival style, it was designed by noted Montgomery architect Frank Lockwood. Construction costs totaled \$150,000. The building was enlarged in 1970.*

**Judicial Circuit:** 22nd

**Circuit Judges:**

M. Ashley McKathan (Presiding)  
Charles A. Short

**District Judge:**

Frank L. “Tippy” McGuire, III

**Circuit Clerk:**

Roger A. Powell

**Address:**

Covington County Courthouse  
One North Court Square  
Andalusia, Alabama 36420

**Telephone:**

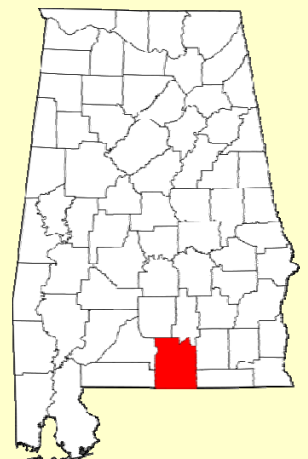
(334) 428-2520

**Population:**

37,765

There were 1,661 cases filed in Covington Circuit Court in fiscal year 2011. Of those, 48% were criminal cases, 16% were civil cases, and 36% were domestic cases. The Circuit Court disposed of 1,729 cases during the fiscal year.

During fiscal year 2011, 10,560 cases were filed in Covington District Court. Of those, 24% were criminal cases, 56% were traffic cases, 10% were small claims, 2% were other civil cases, 3% were juvenile cases, and 4% were child support cases. The District Court disposed of 10,604 cases during the fiscal year.



# CRENSHAW COUNTY

*The Crenshaw County Courthouse was constructed in 1955 at a cost of \$362,000. Built of modern design, the architect was Carl Herbert Lancaster, Jr., of Montgomery. It is faced with Alabama limestone.*



**Judicial Circuit:** 2nd

**Circuit Judge:**  
Terri Bozeman Lovell

**District Judge:**  
Thomas E. Sport

**Circuit Clerk:**  
O. Jeannie Gibson

**Address:**  
Crenshaw County Courthouse  
Post Office Box 167  
Luverne, Alabama 36049

**Telephone:**  
(334) 335-6577

**Population:**  
13,906

There were 465 cases filed in Crenshaw Circuit Court in fiscal year 2011. Of those, 33% were criminal cases, 23% were civil cases, and 45% were domestic cases. The Circuit Court disposed of 496 cases during the fiscal year.

During fiscal year 2011, 7,930 cases were filed in Crenshaw District Court. Of those, 9% were criminal cases, 82% were traffic cases, 4% were small claims, 1% were other civil cases, 2% were juvenile cases, and 2% were child support cases. The District Court disposed of 7,366 cases during the fiscal year.



# CULLMAN COUNTY



*The Cullman County Courthouse was constructed in 1964. The architect was Martin J. Lide of Birmingham. At the dedication in 1964, then newly elected probate judge (and later Alabama governor) Guy Hunt gave the invocation. On April 27, 2011, the Cullman County Courthouse received extensive damage from an EF-4 tornado.*

**Judicial Circuit:** 32nd

**Circuit Judges:**

Don L. Hardeman (Presiding)  
Greg A. Nicholas\*

**District Judges:**

Kim J. Chaney  
Wells R. Turner, III\*\*

**Circuit Clerk:**

Robert G. Bates

**Address:**

Cullman County Courthouse  
500 Second Avenue, SW  
Cullman, Alabama 35055

**Telephone:**

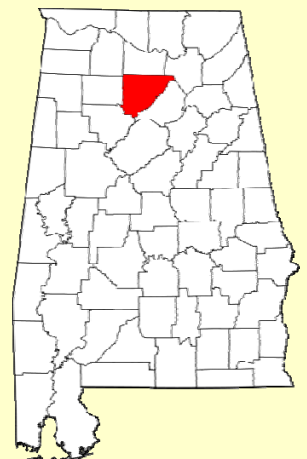
(256) 775-4770

**Population:**

80,406

There were 2,919 cases filed in Cullman Circuit Court in fiscal year 2011. Of those, 26% were criminal cases, 20% were civil cases, and 54% were domestic cases. The Circuit Court disposed of 2,586 cases during the fiscal year.

During fiscal year 2011, 22,663 cases were filed in Cullman District Court. Of those, 15% were criminal cases, 71% were traffic cases, 5% were small claims, 3% were other civil cases, 5% were juvenile cases, and 1% were child support cases. The District Court disposed of 22,209 cases during the fiscal year.



*\* In April 2011, Governor Bentley appointed Judge Nicholas to the circuit bench after the retirement of Judge Frank Brunner.*

*\*\* In May, 2011, Governor Bentley appointed Judge Turner as district judge after former District Judge Nicholas was appointed Circuit Judge.*



# DALE COUNTY

*The Dale County Courthouse was built in 1968 by the Madison Construction Company. The county is named for famed soldier and frontiersman Samuel Dale.*



**Judicial Circuit:** 33rd

**Circuit Judges:**

P. B. McLauchlin, Jr. (Presiding)  
Kenneth W. Quattlebaum

**District Judges:**

William S. Garner, Jr.  
Fred R. Steagall

**Circuit Clerk:**

Delores P. Woodham\*

**Address:**

Dale County Courthouse  
Post Office Box 1350  
Ozark, Alabama 36361

**Telephone:**

(334) 774-5003

**Population:**

50,251

There were 2,152 cases filed in Dale Circuit Court in fiscal year 2011. Of those, 32% were criminal cases, 15% were civil cases, and 53% were domestic cases. The Circuit Court disposed of 2,304 cases during the fiscal year.

During fiscal year 2011, 9,690 cases were filed in Dale District Court. Of those, 13% were criminal cases, 56% were traffic cases, 12% were small claims, 4% were other civil cases, 5% were juvenile cases, and 9% were child support cases. The District Court disposed of 9,933 cases during the fiscal year.



*\*Presiding Judge McLauchlin appointed Delores Woodham as circuit clerk in February 2011 after the retirement of former Circuit Clerk Mary Bludsworth.*



# DALLAS COUNTY



*The Dallas County Courthouse was completed in 1960 and replaced the 1902 Richardsonian Romanesque courthouse which was severely damaged when the central clock tower collapsed into the main courtroom on July 7, 1957. An annex to the courthouse was built in 1979.*

**Judicial Circuit:** 4th

**Circuit Judges:**

Marvin W. Wiggins (Presiding)  
Thomas ap R. Jones  
Jack W. Meigs

**District Judge:**

Robert E. Armstrong, III

**Circuit Clerk:**

Cheryl Strong Ratcliff

**Address:**

Dallas County Courthouse  
Post Office Box 1148  
105 Lauderdale Street  
Selma, Alabama 36702

**Telephone:**

(334) 874-2523

**Population:**

43,820

There were 1,315 cases filed in Dallas Circuit Court in fiscal year 2011. Of those, 42% were criminal cases, 32% were civil cases, 26% were domestic cases, and .2% were juvenile cases. The Circuit Court disposed of 1,337 cases during the fiscal year.

During fiscal year 2011, 11,572 cases were filed in Dallas District Court. Of those, 18% were criminal cases, 57% were traffic cases, 8% were small claims, 3% were other civil cases, 5% were juvenile cases, and 8% were child support cases. The District Court disposed of 10,351 cases during the fiscal year.



*The DeKalb County Courthouse was constructed in 1950. Sherlock, Smith, & Adams served as its architect. Originally constructed with four floors, a fifth floor was added during renovations made from 1973—1975. In 2000, additional renovations were made giving the building its current appearance.*



There were 2,094 cases filed in DeKalb Circuit Court in fiscal year 2011. Of those, 40% were criminal cases, 20% were civil cases, and 40% were domestic cases. The Circuit Court disposed of 2,192 cases during the fiscal year.

During fiscal year 2011, 8,624 cases were filed in DeKalb District Court. Of those, 22% were criminal cases, 47% were traffic cases, 15% were small claims, 5% were other civil cases, 7% were juvenile cases, and 4% were child support cases. The District Court disposed of 8,253 cases during the fiscal year.



**Judicial Circuit:** 9th

**Circuit Judges:**

Randall L. Cole (Presiding)  
David A. Rains  
Jeremy S. Taylor

**District Judge:**

Steven L. Whitmire, II

**Circuit Clerk:**

Palma B. Simpson

**Address:**

DeKalb County Courthouse  
Post Office Box 681149  
300 Grand Avenue, South  
Fort Payne, Alabama 35968

**Telephone:**

(256) 845-8525

**Population:**

71,109

# ELMORE COUNTY



*Constructed in 1995 in a modified classical revival design, the Elmore County Judicial Center houses all trial court operations for Elmore County. The probate judge and other county administrative officials are still housed in the Elmore County Courthouse located in downtown Wetumpka. The old Elmore County Courthouse was featured in the movie Big Fish.*

## Judicial Circuit: 19th

### Circuit Judges:

Ben A. Fuller (Presiding)  
John B. Bush  
Sibley G. Reynolds

### District Judges:

Mary Elizabeth “Maura” Culberson  
James Glenn Goggans

### Circuit Clerk:

Larry Dozier\*

### Address:

Elmore County Judicial Center  
Post Office Box 310  
8935 Highway 231 North  
Wetumpka, Alabama 36092

### Telephone:

(334) 514-3129

### Population:

79,303

There were 2,299 cases filed in Elmore Circuit Court in fiscal year 2011. Of those, 31% were criminal cases, 33% were civil cases, 36% were domestic cases, and .2% were juvenile cases. The Circuit Court disposed of 2,486 cases during the fiscal year.

During fiscal year 2011, 17,805 cases were filed in Elmore District Court. Of those, 15% were criminal cases, 67% were traffic cases, 7% were small claims, 3% were other civil cases, 4% were juvenile cases, and 3% were child support cases. The District Court disposed of 18,533 cases during the fiscal year.



*\*In January 2011, Sharon Cables became Elmore County Circuit Clerk upon the retirement of Larry Dozier. In October 2011, Sharon Cables resigned as Elmore County Circuit Clerk, and Larry Dozier assumed the office on an interim basis.*

*Construction began on the Escambia County Courthouse in 1959 and was completed in 1960. The architect was Charles H. McCauley of Birmingham, and it was built by Bear Brothers Construction Company of Montgomery. Construction costs totaled \$613,000.*



**Judicial Circuit:** 21st

**Circuit Judges:**

Bradley E. Byrne (Presiding)  
Bert W. Rice

**District Judge:**

J. David Jordan

**Circuit Clerk:**

James Kenneth Taylor

**Address:**

Escambia County Courthouse  
318 Bellville Avenue  
Post Office Box 856  
Brewton, Alabama 36427

**Telephone:**

(251) 867-0225

**Population:**

38,319

There were 1,522 cases filed in Escambia Circuit Court in fiscal year 2011. Of those, 54% were criminal cases, 21% were civil cases, and 25% were domestic cases. The Circuit Court disposed of 1,561 cases during the fiscal year.

During fiscal year 2011, 9,062 cases were filed in Escambia District Court. Of those, 24% were criminal cases, 55% were traffic cases, 8% were small claims, 3% were other civil cases, 4% were juvenile cases, and 5% were child support cases. The District Court disposed of 9,407 cases during the fiscal year.



# ETOWAH COUNTY



*The Etowah County Courthouse was constructed in 1950. Built at a cost of \$1 million, J. Martin Lide was the architect of the courthouse. In May 1999, the cornerstone was laid for a \$8 million new Etowah County Judicial Center adjacent to the detention center. This modern building was designed by Mike Rutland of 2WR/Architects of Montgomery. At the same time, Etowah County completed a \$7 million renovation of the 1950 courthouse. McElrath & Oliver of Gadsden were the architects for the renovations to the courthouse.*

**Judicial Circuit:** 16th

**Circuit Judges:**

William Allen Millican (Presiding)

David A. Kimberly

William B. Ogletree

William H. Rhea, III

**District Judges:**

Willis H. Clay

William D. Russell

**Circuit Clerk:**

Billy S. Yates

**Address:**

Etowah County Judicial Center

801 Forrest Avenue

Gadsden, Alabama 35901

**Telephone:**

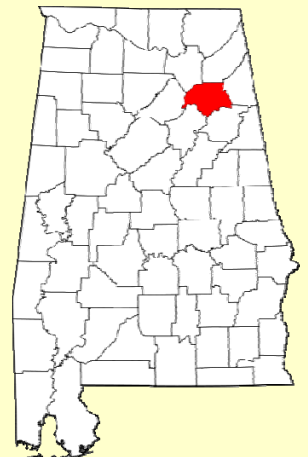
(256) 549-2181

**Population:**

104,430

There were 5,071 cases filed in Etowah Circuit Court in fiscal year 2011. Of those, 41% were criminal cases, 26% were civil cases, and 33% were domestic cases. The Circuit Court disposed of 5,212 cases during the fiscal year.

During fiscal year 2011, 19,502 cases were filed in Etowah District Court. Of those, 16% were criminal cases, 55% were traffic cases, 14% were small claims, 7% were other civil cases, 5% were juvenile cases, and 3% were child support cases. The District Court disposed of 19,757 cases during the fiscal year.





# FAYETTE COUNTY

*The neo-classical revival Fayette County Courthouse was built in 1912. Construction costs totaled \$58,347.21. A \$2.6 million restoration of the courthouse was completed in 2001.*



**Judicial Circuit:** 24th

**Circuit Judge:**  
James W. Moore, Jr.

**District Judge:**  
Jerry L. Clary

**Circuit Clerk:**  
Samantha W. Howard\*

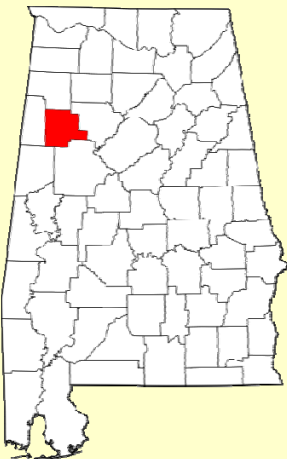
**Address:**  
Fayette County Courthouse  
Post Office Box 906  
113 North Temple Avenue  
Fayette, Alabama 35555

**Telephone:**  
(205) 932-4617

**Population:**  
17,241

There were 715 cases filed in Fayette Circuit Court in fiscal year 2011. Of those, 53% were criminal cases, 15% were civil cases, and 32% percent were domestic cases. The Circuit Court disposed of 792 cases during the fiscal year.

During fiscal year 2011, 3,526 cases were filed in Fayette District Court. Of those, 20% were criminal cases, 63% were traffic cases, 5% were small claims, 2% were other civil cases, 6% were juvenile cases, and 4% were child support cases. The District Court disposed of 3,669 cases during the fiscal year.



*\* Samantha W. Howard was appointed Circuit Clerk on February 11, 2011, after the retirement of J. Eddy Smith.*

# FRANKLIN COUNTY



*The Franklin County Courthouse was built in 1954-1955 at a cost of \$460,000. Johnston & Jones of Starkville, Mississippi, were the architects. The limestone used in the construction of the courthouse is from Franklin County.*

**Judicial Circuit:** 34th

**Circuit Judge:**

Terry L. Dempsey

**District Judge:**

Paula B. McDowell

**Circuit Clerk:**

Anita Morgan Scott

**Address:**

Franklin County Courthouse  
Post Office Box 160  
410 North Jackson Street  
Russellville, Alabama 35653

**Telephone:**

(256) 332-8861

**Population:**

31,704

There were 1,344 cases filed in Franklin Circuit Court in fiscal year 2011. Of those, 39% were criminal cases, 24% were civil cases, and 37% were domestic cases. The Circuit Court disposed of 1,237 cases during the fiscal year.

During fiscal year 2011, 7,674 cases were filed in Franklin District Court. Of those, 16% were criminal cases, 68% were traffic cases, 6% were small claims, 2% were other civil cases, 6% were juvenile cases, and 3% were child support cases. The District Court disposed of 7,636 cases during the fiscal year.



## GENEVA COUNTY

*Opened in 1965, the Geneva County Courthouse was paid for by a 20 year increase in ad valorem taxes which was passed by Geneva County residents in 1962. Construction costs totaled \$600,000. Sherlock, Smith, & Adams, Inc., were the architects.*



**Judicial Circuit:** 33rd

**Circuit Judges:**

P. B. McLauchlin, Jr. (Presiding)  
Kenneth W. Quattlebaum

**District Judge:**

Stephen G. Smith

**Circuit Clerk:**

V. Gale Laye

**Address:**

Geneva County Courthouse  
Post Office Box 86  
200 North Commerce Street  
Geneva, Alabama 36340

**Telephone:**

(334) 684-5620

**Population:**

26,790

There were 1,117 cases filed in Geneva Circuit Court in fiscal year 2011. Of those, 42% were criminal cases, 15% were civil cases, and 43% were domestic cases. The Circuit Court disposed of 1,186 cases during the fiscal year.

During fiscal year 2011, 8,082 cases were filed in Geneva District Court. Of those, 13% were criminal cases, 72% were traffic cases, 4% were small claims, 2% were other civil cases, 5% were juvenile cases, and 4% were child support cases. The District Court disposed of 8,158 cases during the fiscal year.



# GREENE COUNTY



*The William McKinley Branch Courthouse was constructed in 1993 by Campbell & Associates of Tuscaloosa at a cost of \$1.2 million. It is named for William McKinley Branch, the first African-American probate judge of Greene County. Upon his election in 1970, Branch also became the first African-American probate judge in the Deep South since Reconstruction.*

**Judicial Circuit:** 17th

**Circuit Judge:**

Eddie Hardaway, Jr.

**District Judge:**

Lillie Jones-Osborne

**Circuit Clerk:**

Etta B. Edwards

**Address:**

William M. Branch Courthouse  
Post Office Box 307  
400 Morrow Avenue  
Eutaw, Alabama 35462

**Telephone:**

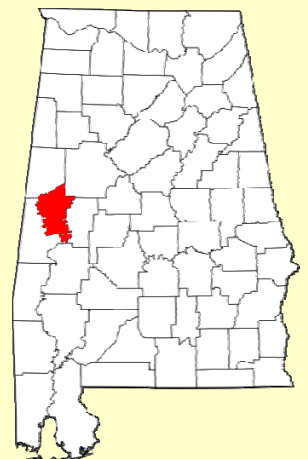
(205) 372-3598

**Population:**

9,045

There were 167 cases filed in Greene Circuit Court in fiscal year 2011. Of those, 35% were criminal cases, 46% were civil cases, and 19% were domestic cases. The Circuit Court disposed of 166 cases during the fiscal year.

During fiscal year 2011, 4,208 cases were filed in Greene District Court. Of those, 8% were criminal cases, 80% were traffic cases, 3% were small claims, 1% were other civil cases, 3% were juvenile cases, and 4% were child support cases. The District Court disposed of 4,116 cases during the fiscal year.





# HALE COUNTY

*The Hale County Courthouse was constructed in 1908 at a cost of \$44,676.19. It replaced the first courthouse which was originally built as the sanctuary of the Salem Baptist Church. In 1935, a fire destroyed the top floor of the courthouse. The building was restored, and a new clock tower was built. The clock tower contains the bell from the main building of Southern University which was located in Greensboro from 1856 until 1918.*



There were 274 cases filed in Hale Circuit Court in fiscal year 2011. Of those, 19% were criminal cases, 46% were civil cases, and 35% were domestic cases. The Circuit Court disposed of 378 cases during the fiscal year.

During fiscal year 2011, 4,813 cases were filed in Hale District Court. Of those, 13% were criminal cases, 69% were traffic cases, 7% were small claims, 1% were other civil cases, and 3% were juvenile cases, and 6% were child support cases. The District Court disposed of 4,857 cases during the fiscal year.



**Judicial Circuit:** 4th

**Circuit Judges:**

Marvin W. Wiggins (Presiding)  
Thomas ap R. Jones  
Jack W. Meigs

**District Judge:**

William A. "Sonny" Ryan\*

**Circuit Clerk:**

Catrinna A. Long-Perry

**Address:**

Hale County Courthouse  
Post Office Drawer 99  
1001 Main Street  
Greensboro, Alabama 36744

**Telephone:**

(334) 684-4334

**Population:**

26,790

*\* Judge Ryan retired on November 30, 2011. On April 1, 2012, Governor Bentley appointed Timothy A. Evans as district judge.*



# HENRY COUNTY



*The Henry County Courthouse was constructed in 1966 at a cost of \$504,332. The architectural firm of Epps and Davis designed the courthouse, and it was constructed by Jones and Hardy. The Courthouse is surrounded by a colonnade of 48 flared columns.*

## Judicial Circuit: 20th

### Circuit Judges:

Henry “Butch” Binford (Presiding)  
Larry K. Anderson  
Jack Michael Conaway  
Brady E. Mendheim  
Jimmy K. Moulton

### District Judge:

James D. Peterson

### Circuit Clerk:

Shirlene B. Vickers

### Address:

Henry County Courthouse  
101 West Court Square  
Abbeville, Alabama 36310

### Telephone:

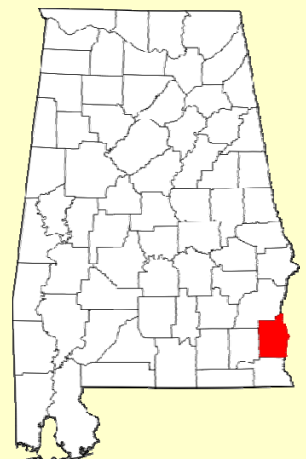
(334) 585-2753

### Population:

17,302

There were 668 cases filed in Henry Circuit Court in fiscal year 2011. Of those, 57% were criminal cases, 20% were civil cases, and 22% were domestic cases. The Circuit Court disposed of 822 cases during the fiscal year.

During fiscal year 2011, 5,603 cases were filed in Henry District Court. Of those, 18% were criminal cases, 65% were traffic cases, 7% were small claims, 2% were other civil cases, and 4% were juvenile cases, and 4% were child support cases. The District Court disposed of 5,570 cases during the fiscal year.



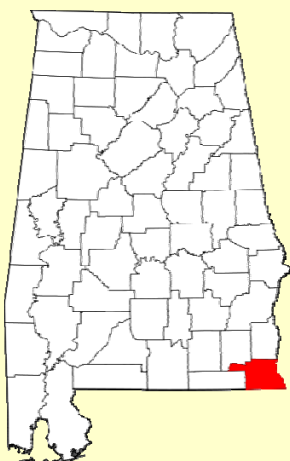
# HOUSTON COUNTY

*Construction began on the Houston County Courthouse in 1960 and was completed in April 1962. The architect was Joseph L. Donfro & Associates of Dothan. Construction costs totaled \$850,000. In 2002, the building was extensively remodeled.*



There were 7,081 cases filed in Houston Circuit Court in fiscal year 2011. Of those, 33% were criminal cases, 14% were civil cases, 22% were domestic cases, 16% were juvenile cases, and 15% were child support cases. The Circuit Court disposed of 7,823 cases during the fiscal year.

During fiscal year 2011, 19,066 cases were filed in Houston District Court. Of those, 19% were criminal cases, 47% were traffic cases, 27% were small claims, and 7% were other civil cases. The District Court disposed of 20,278 cases during the fiscal year.



**Judicial Circuit:** 20th

**Circuit Judges:**

Henry "Butch" Binford (Presiding)  
Larry K. Anderson  
Jack Michael Conaway  
Brady E. Mendheim  
Jimmy K. Moulton

**District Judges:**

Lori C. Ingram  
Benjamin H. Lewis

**Circuit Clerk:**

Carla H. Woodall

**Address:**

Houston County Courthouse  
Post Office Drawer 6406  
114 North Oates Street  
Dothan, Alabama 36302

**Telephone:**

(334) 677-4858

**Population:**

101,547

# JACKSON COUNTY



*The neo-classical Jackson County Courthouse was constructed in 1911-1912. It was designed by Chattanooga architect noted New York Richard H. Hunt. Additions were made to the courthouse in 1954 and 1968. In April 1931, the courthouse was the scene for the first of the Scottsboro Boys trials.*

**Judicial Circuit:** 38th

**Circuit Judges:**

Jennifer C. Holt (Presiding)  
John H. Graham

**District Judge:**

Ralph H. Grider

**Circuit Clerk:**

William Ken Ferrell

**Address:**

Jackson County Courthouse  
Post Office Box 397  
102 East Laurel Street  
Scottsboro, Alabama 35768

**Telephone:**

(256) 574-9320

**Population:**

53,227

There were 2,811 cases filed in Jackson Circuit Court in fiscal year 2011. Of those, 60% were criminal cases, 13% were civil cases, and 27% were domestic cases. The Circuit Court disposed of 2,909 cases during the fiscal year.

During fiscal year 2011, 12,226 cases were filed in Jackson District Court. Of those, 26% were criminal cases, 56% were traffic cases, 7% were small claims, 2% were other civil cases, 4% were juvenile cases, and 4% were child support cases. The District Court disposed of 11,359 cases during the fiscal year.



## JEFFERSON COUNTY (BIRMINGHAM DIVISION)

*The Jefferson County Courthouse was constructed in 1931 at a cost of \$3 million. The Chicago architectural firm of Holabird & Root, with the collaboration of Birmingham architect Harry Wheelock, designed the streamlined Art Deco building. An annex was added to the north of the building in 1962. A restoration and refitting of the courthouse was completed in 2002. Two large murals depicting the “Old South” and “New South” adorn the walls of the entrance lobby.*



There were 24,511 cases filed in Jefferson Circuit Court, Birmingham Division, in fiscal year 2011. Of those, 23% were criminal cases, 28% were civil cases, 17% were domestic cases, 16% were juvenile cases, and 16% were child support cases. The Circuit Court disposed of 24,632 cases during the fiscal year.

During fiscal year 2011, 54,203 cases were filed in Jefferson District Court, Birmingham Division. Of those, 26% were criminal cases, 36% were traffic cases, 21% were small claims, and 18% were other civil cases. The District Court disposed of 54,411 cases during the fiscal year.

*\* Judge Still was appointed in January 2011 to fill the unexpired term of Judge G. William Noble.*

### **Judicial Circuit:** 10th

#### **Circuit Judges:**

J. Scott Vowell (Presiding)  
Alfred Bahakel  
Dorothea Batiste  
Joseph L. Boohaker  
Houston L. Brown  
Suzanne S. Childers  
J. William “Bill” Cole  
Elisabeth A. French  
Michael G. Graffeo  
J. Brian Huff  
Clyde E. Jones  
Tom King, Jr.  
Helen Shores Lee  
C. Tommy Nail  
Julie A. Palmer  
Laura Petro  
Caryl P. Privett  
Teresa T. Pulliam  
Edward L. Ramsey  
Nicole G. “Nikki” Still\*  
Robert S. Vance, Jr.  
Virginia A. Vinson  
Stephen C. Wallace

### **District Judges:**

John E. Amari  
Elise D. Barclay  
Robert P. “Bobby” Bynon, Jr.  
David N. Lichtenstein  
John G. “Jack” Lowther  
Shanta’ C. Owens  
Katrina Ross  
William Alan Summers, Jr.  
Sheldon L. Watkins

### **Circuit Clerk:**

Anne Marie Adams

### **Address:**

Jefferson County Courthouse  
716 Richard Arrington Jr. Blvd. N.  
Birmingham, Alabama 35203

### **Telephone:**

(205) 325-5360

### **Population:**

658,466



# JEFFERSON COUNTY (BESSEMER DIVISION)



*The Jefferson County Bessemer Justice Center is Alabama's newest courthouse. Construction was completed in October 2009, and the Justice Center opened in June 2010. Built at a cost of \$38 million, the building was designed by Giattina Aycock Architecture Studio of Birmingham.*

## Judicial Circuit: 10th

### Circuit Judges:

David J. Hobdy, Jr.  
Teresa B. Petelos  
Annetta H. Verin  
Eugene R. Verin

### District Judges:

Eric M. Fancher  
Jill Ganus Veitch  
Edward B. Vines

### Deputy Circuit Clerk:

Benny R. Watson

### Address:

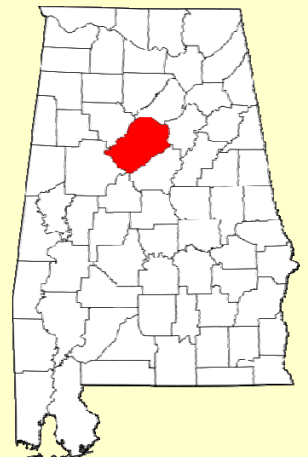
Jefferson County Bessemer Justice  
Center  
1851 Second Avenue North  
Bessemer, Alabama 35020

### Telephone:

(205) 497-8510

There were 4,863 cases filed in Jefferson Circuit Court, Bessemer Division, in fiscal year 2011. Of those, 51% were criminal cases, 27% were civil cases, and 22% were domestic cases. The Circuit Court disposed of 4,712 cases during the fiscal year.

During fiscal year 2011, 12,437 cases were filed in Jefferson District Court, Bessemer Division. Of those, 31% were criminal cases, 31% were traffic cases, 13% were small claims, 10% were other civil cases, 10% were juvenile cases, and 6% were child support cases. The District Court disposed of 13,104 cases during the fiscal year.



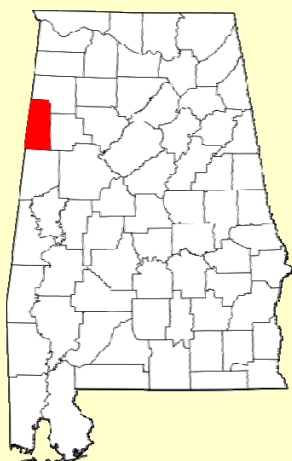


*The Lamar County Courthouse was constructed in 1909 and originally had a classical design with four large columns, a pedimented portico, and a dome. The courthouse was modernized in 1948 with the removal of the columns, portico, and dome as well as the addition of a third floor.*



There were 670 cases filed in Lamar Circuit Court in fiscal year 2011. Of those, 59% were criminal cases, 16% were civil cases, and 25% were domestic cases. The Circuit Court disposed of 644 cases during the fiscal year.

During fiscal year 2011, 3,663 cases were filed in Lamar District Court. Of those, 22% were criminal cases, 65% were traffic cases, 4% were small claims, 2% were other civil cases, 3% were juvenile cases, and 3% were child support cases. The District Court disposed of 3,989 cases during the fiscal year.



**Judicial Circuit:** 24th

**Circuit Judge:**  
James W. Moore, Jr.

**District Judge:**  
Jonathan A. Brown

**Circuit Clerk:**  
Mary Ann Jones

**Address:**  
Lamar County Courthouse  
Post Office Box 434  
330 First Street, NE  
Vernon, Alabama 35592

**Telephone:**  
(205) 695-7193

**Population:**  
14,564

# LAUDERDALE COUNTY



*The Lauderdale County Courthouse was constructed in 1963. The modern designed, 5-story building was designed by Northington, Smith and Kranert and cost \$2.2 million to construct.*

**Judicial Circuit:** 11th

**Circuit Judges:**

Michael T. Jones (Presiding)

William F. Jackson

Gilbert P. Self

**District Judge:**

Carole C. Medley

**Circuit Clerk:**

Melissa Homan-Hibbett

**Address:**

Lauderdale County Courthouse

200 South Court Street

Post Office Box 776

Florence, Alabama 35631

**Telephone:**

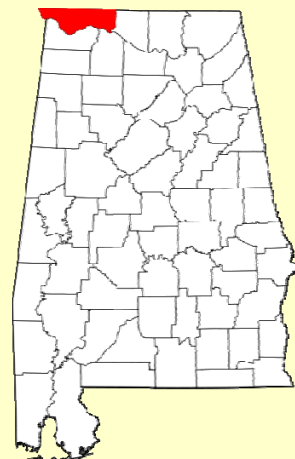
(256) 760-5728

**Population:**

92,709

There were 3,996 cases filed in Lauderdale Circuit Court in fiscal year 2011. Of those, 18% were criminal cases, 16% were civil cases, 29% percent were domestic cases, 20% were juvenile cases, and 17% were child support cases. The Circuit Court disposed of 3,968 cases during the fiscal year.

During fiscal year 2011, 13,519 cases were filed in Lauderdale District Court. Of those, 16% were criminal cases, 69% were traffic cases, 11% were small claims, and 5% percent were other civil cases. The District Court disposed of 13,910 cases during the fiscal year.



# LAWRENCE COUNTY

*Built of limestone quarried near Russellville, Alabama, the Lawrence County Courthouse was constructed in 1936. This classical revival courthouse was designed by the architectural firm of Turner & Northington and cost \$450,000 to build.*



**Judicial Circuit:** 36th

**Circuit Judge:**

Mark B. Craig

**District Judge:**

Angela D. Terry

**Circuit Clerk:**

Sandra P. Ligon\*

**Address:**

Lawrence County Courthouse  
Post Office Box 249  
14330 Court Street  
Moulton, Alabama 35650

**Telephone:**

(256) 974-2438

**Population:**

34,339

There were 1,463 cases filed in Lawrence Circuit Court in fiscal year 2011. Of those, 55% were criminal cases, 15% were civil cases, 30% were domestic cases, and .14% were juvenile cases. The Circuit Court disposed of 1,396 cases during the fiscal year.

During fiscal year 2011, 9,605 cases were filed in Lawrence District Court. Of those, 13% were criminal cases, 75% were traffic cases, 4% were small claims, 2% were other civil cases, 4% were juvenile cases, and 2% were child support cases. The District Court disposed of 10,084 cases during the fiscal year.



*\*Sandra Ligon was appointed circuit clerk by Judge Mark Craig upon the retirement of Harce Hill as circuit clerk on February 1, 2011.*

# LEE COUNTY



*Constructed in 1896 at a cost of \$24,000, the neo-classical Lee County Courthouse was designed by Andrew J. Bryan. In 1984, Lee County constructed a justice center at a cost of \$8.645 million. The justice center houses all judicial offices. The 1896 courthouse has been restored and houses county administration offices.*

**Judicial Circuit:** 37th

**Circuit Judges:**

Jacob A. Walker, III (Presiding)  
Michael C. Fellows  
Christopher J. Hughes

**District Judges:**

Russell K. Bush  
Steven T. Speakman

**Circuit Clerk:**

Corinne T. Hurst

**Address:**

Lee County Justice Center  
2311 Gateway Drive  
Opelika, Alabama 36801

**Telephone:**

(334) 749-7141

**Population:**

140,247

There were 5,901 cases filed in Lee Circuit Court in fiscal year 2011. Of those, 26% were criminal cases, 20% were civil cases, 17% were domestic cases, 20% were juvenile cases, and 17% were child support cases. The Circuit Court disposed of 6,374 cases during the fiscal year.

During fiscal year 2011, 20,305 cases were filed in Lee District Court. Of those, 14% were criminal cases, 68% were traffic cases, 12% were small claims, and 6% were other civil cases. The District Court disposed of 21,628 cases during the fiscal year.



*The Limestone County Courthouse was completed in 1919. Designed by Birmingham architect Bem Price, construction costs totaled approximately \$200,000. In 2005, all non-judicial offices were relocated to a new courthouse annex. The Limestone County Courthouse is currently undergoing renovations.*



There were 2,501 cases filed in Limestone Circuit Court in fiscal year 2011. Of those, 39% were criminal cases, 23% were civil cases, and 39% were domestic cases. The Circuit Court disposed of 2,371 cases during the fiscal year.

During fiscal year 2011, 15,004 cases were filed in Limestone District Court. Of those, 19% were criminal cases, 69% were traffic cases, 5% were small claims, 3% were other civil cases, 3% were juvenile cases, and 2% were child support cases. The District Court disposed of 16,224 cases during the fiscal year.



**Judicial Circuit:** 39th

**Circuit Judges:**

James W. Woodroof, Jr. (Presiding)  
Robert M. Baker

**District Judges:**

Jeanne W. Anderson  
Jerry L. Batts

**Circuit Clerk:**

Charles D. Page, Jr.

**Address:**

Limestone County Courthouse  
200 Washington Street, West  
Athens, Alabama 35611

**Telephone:**

(256) 233-6406

**Population:**

82,782



# LOWNDES COUNTY



*The Greek-revival Lowndes County Courthouse was built circa 1855 –1858. Additions were made and a cupola added to the courthouse in 1906. In the early 1980s, the courthouse was restored to closely resemble its original appearance.*

**Judicial Circuit:** 2nd

**Circuit Judge:**

Terri Bozeman Lovell

**District Judge:**

Adrian D. Johnson

**Circuit Clerk:**

Ruby A. Jones-Thomas

**Address:**

Lowndes County Courthouse  
Post Office Box 876  
One Washington Street  
Hayneville, Alabama 36040

**Telephone:**

(334) 548-2252

**Population:**

11,299

There were 340 cases filed in Lowndes Circuit Court in fiscal year 2011. Of those, 34% were criminal cases, 32% were civil cases, and 34% were domestic cases. The Circuit Court disposed of 429 cases during the fiscal year.

During fiscal year 2011, 6,805 cases were filed in Lowndes District Court. Of those, 9% were criminal cases, 81% were traffic cases, 2% were small claims, 1% percent were other civil cases, 1% were juvenile cases, and 5% were child support cases. The District Court disposed of 6,234 cases during the fiscal year.



*The Macon County Courthouse was constructed in 1905. The Richardsonian Romanesque courthouse was designed by James Wingfield Golucke of Atlanta. The courthouse was gutted by fire in August 1985 but was subsequently restored.*



There were 527 cases filed in Macon Circuit Court in fiscal year 2011. Of those, 35% were criminal cases, 43% were civil cases, and 22% were domestic cases. The Circuit Court disposed of 489 cases during the fiscal year.

During fiscal year 2011, 5,668 cases were filed in Macon District Court. Of those, 11% were criminal cases, 70% were traffic cases, 6% were small claims, 3% were other civil cases, 3% were juvenile cases, and 7% were child support cases. The District Court disposed of 6,028 cases during the fiscal year.



**Judicial Circuit:** 5th

**Circuit Judges:**

Ray D. Martin (Presiding)  
Steven R. Perryman  
Tom F. Young, Jr.

**District Judge:**

Aubrey Ford, Jr.

**Circuit Clerk:**

David R. Love, Jr.

**Address:**

Macon County Courthouse  
101 East Rosa Parks Avenue  
Tuskegee, Alabama 36083

**Telephone:**

(334) 724-2614

**Population:**

21,452

# MADISON COUNTY



*Construction began on the Madison County Courthouse in 1964 and was completed in 1966. Designed by Lloyd Kranert and Thomas Jones, the 11-story modern courthouse cost \$5.3 million to construct.*

## Judicial Circuit: 23rd

### Circuit Judges:

Karen K. Hall (Presiding)  
William K. "Billy" Bell  
Ruth Ann Hall\*  
Laura Jo W. Hamilton  
D. Alan Mann  
Dennis E. O'Dell  
James P. Smith

### District Judges:

Alison S. Austin  
Claude Hundley\*\*  
Schuyler H. Richardson  
Martha Lynn Sherrod

### Circuit Clerk:

Jane C. Smith

### Address:

Madison County Courthouse  
100 North Side Square  
Huntsville, Alabama 35801

### Telephone:

(256) 532-3390

### Population:

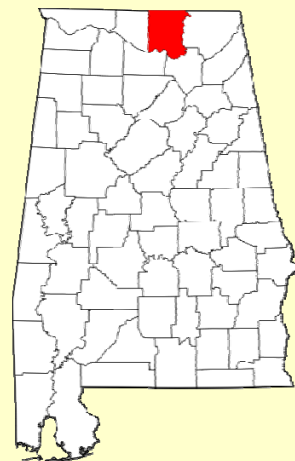
334,811

There were 14,230 cases filed in Madison Circuit Court in fiscal year 2011. Of those, 58% were criminal cases, 21% were civil cases, 21% percent were domestic cases, and .007% were juvenile cases. The Circuit Court disposed of 15,688 cases during the fiscal year.

During fiscal year 2011, 40,971 cases were filed in Madison District Court. Of those, 21% were criminal cases, 49% were traffic cases, 13% were small claims, 10% were other civil cases, 5% were juvenile, and 3% were child support cases. The District Court disposed of 42,761 cases during the fiscal year.

*\*On July 21, 2011, Governor Bentley appointed Judge Ruth Ann Hall to the circuit bench. Prior to her appointment, she served as a district judge.*

*\*\* On October 5, 2011, Governor Bentley appointed Judge Hundley to the district bench. The judgeship had been vacant since Judge Hall's appointment to the circuit bench.*



# MARENGO COUNTY

*The Marengo County Courthouse was constructed in 1968 at a cost of \$675,000. Designed by Sherlock, Smith, & Adams, the current courthouse replaced the 1902 courthouse which was destroyed in a 1965 fire.*



There were 658 cases filed in Marengo Circuit Court in fiscal year 2011. Of those, 44% were criminal cases, 21% were civil cases, and 35% were domestic cases. The Circuit Court disposed of 676 cases during the fiscal year.

During fiscal year 2011, 5,352 cases were filed in Marengo District Court. Of those, 15% were criminal cases, 64% were traffic cases, 7% were small claims, 2% were other civil cases, 5% were juvenile case, and 7% were child support cases. The District Court disposed of 5,272 cases during the fiscal year.



**Judicial Circuit:** 17th

**Circuit Judge:**  
Eddie Hardaway, Jr.

**District Judge:**  
W. Wade Drinkard

**Circuit Clerk:**  
Robert "Rusty" Nichols

**Address:**  
Marengo County Courthouse  
Post Office Box 480566  
101 East Coats Avenue  
Linden, Alabama 36748

**Telephone:**  
(334) 295-2219

**Population:**  
21,027

# MARION COUNTY



*Constructed in 1902, the Marion County Courthouse was originally built in the Richardsonian Romanesque style of architecture and featured a rough sandstone façade and five-story clock tower. Additions were made to the courthouse in 1940. In 1960, the courthouse was enlarged and modernized.*

**Judicial Circuit:** 25th

**Circuit Judge:**

John H. Bentley (Presiding)  
Talmage Lee Carter

**District Judge:**

Mark E. Hammitte\*

**Circuit Clerk:**

Sheila S. Bozeman

**Address:**

Marion County Courthouse  
Post Office Box 1595  
123 South Military Street  
Hamilton, Alabama 35570

**Telephone:**

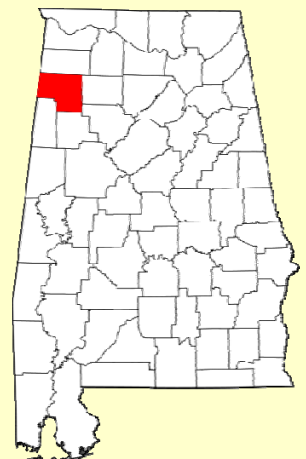
(205) 921-7451

**Population:**

30,776

There were 2,642 cases filed in Marion Circuit Court in fiscal year 2011. Of those, 28% percent were criminal cases, 11% percent were civil cases, 61% percent were domestic cases and .15% were juvenile cases. The Circuit Court disposed of 1,537 cases during the fiscal year.

During fiscal year 2011, 10,145 cases were filed in Marion District Court. Of those, 16% were criminal cases, 72% were traffic cases, 5% were small claims, 2% were other civil cases, 3% were juvenile cases, and 3% were child support cases. The District Court disposed of 10,181 cases during the fiscal year.



*\*Judge Hammitte was appointed Marion County District Judge by Governor Bentley in October 2011 after the retirement of Judge James Cashion.*



# MARSHALL COUNTY

*The Marshall County Courthouse in Guntersville was built in 1896 in the Romanesque Revival style. It was remodeled and enlarged in 1935, 1948, 1963, and 1990.*

*A second courthouse was constructed circa 1910-1911 in Albertville. That courthouse was renovated in 1935 and again in the late 1990s.*



**Judicial Circuit:** 27th

**Circuit Judges\*:**

Howard G. Hawk (Presiding)  
A. Timothy Jolley

**District Judges:**

Hugh M. Flanagan\*\*  
F. Timothy Riley

**Circuit Clerk:**

Cheryl E. Pierce

**Address:**

Marshall County Courthouse  
424 Blount Avenue  
Guntersville, Alabama 35976

Marshall County Courthouse  
133 South Emmett Street  
Albertville, Alabama 35950

**Telephone:**

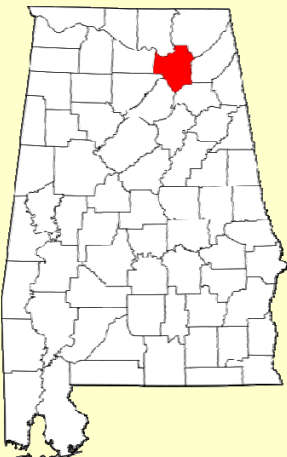
(256) 571-7785 (Guntersville)  
(256) 878-4521 (Albertville)

**Population:**

93,019

There were 3,086 cases filed in Marshall Circuit Court in fiscal year 2011. Of those, 36% were criminal cases, 24% were civil cases, and 40% were domestic cases. The Circuit Court disposed of 3,349 cases during the fiscal year.

During fiscal year 2011, 21,310 cases were filed in Marshall District Court. Of those, 11% were criminal cases, 71% were traffic cases, 6% were small claims, 3% were other civil cases, 6% were juvenile cases, and 3% were child support cases. The District Court disposed of 21,075 cases during the fiscal year.



*\* The Alabama Legislature has established a new circuit judgeship for the 27th Judicial Circuit which will be filled during the 2012 general election.*

*\*\* Judge Flanagan was appointed district judge in March 2011 after Judge Liles Burke was appointed to the Alabama Court of Criminal Appeals.*

# MOBILE COUNTY



*Completed in December 1994, the 581,000-square-foot Mobile Government Plaza was the first structure in the nation to combine county and city governments and the court system in one facility. Designed by Harry Goleman and Mario Bolullo of Houston, Texas, and Fred Woods of Mobile, the \$58 million complex consists of 10-story administration building and a 9-story judicial building connected by a 50,000 square foot public atrium.*

**Judicial Circuit:** 13th

**Circuit Judges:**

Charles A. Graddick (Presiding)  
J. Donald Banks  
Rosemary D. Chambers  
Joseph S. Johnston  
John R. Lockett  
Edmond G. Naman  
Robert H. Smith  
Sarah H. Stewart  
Roderick P. Stout  
James C. Wood  
Michael A. Youngpeter

There were 27,731 cases filed in Mobile Circuit Court in fiscal year 2011. Of those, 33% were criminal cases, 15% were civil cases, 17% were domestic cases, 17% were juvenile cases, and 17% were child support cases. The Circuit Court disposed of 26,744 cases during the fiscal year.

During fiscal year 2011, 66,190 cases were filed in Mobile District Court. Of those, 21% were criminal cases, 60% were traffic cases, 12% were small claims, and 7% were other civil cases. The District Court disposed of 67,907 cases during the fiscal year.

**District Judges:**

George A. Brown  
George N. Hardesty, Jr.  
Charles N. McKnight  
Michael E. McMaken  
Bob Sherling, Jr.

**Address:**

Mobile Government Plaza  
205 Government Street  
Mobile, Alabama 36644

**Telephone:**

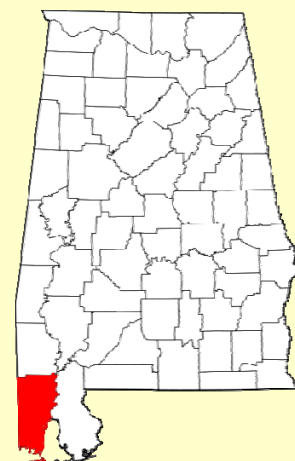
(251) 574-8806

**Population:**

412,992

**Circuit Clerk:**

JoJo Schwarzauser



# MONROE COUNTY

*The Monroe County Courthouse was constructed in 1963 at a cost of \$500,000. According to the architect, it contains "design elements reminiscent of early southern buildings."*



**Judicial Circuit:** 35th

**Circuit Judge:**  
Dawn Hare Wiggins

**District Judge:**  
George K. Elbrecht

**Circuit Clerk:**  
William R. "Bob" McMillan\*

**Address:**  
Monroe County Courthouse  
65 North Alabama Avenue  
Monroeville, Alabama 36460

**Telephone:**  
(251) 743-2283

**Population:**  
23,068

There were 626 cases filed in Monroe Circuit Court in fiscal year 2011. Of those, 25% were criminal cases, 30% were civil cases, and 45% were domestic cases. The Circuit Court disposed of 623 cases during the fiscal year.

During fiscal year 2011, 4,689 cases were filed in Monroe District Court. Of those, 16% were criminal cases, 53% were traffic cases, 14% were small claims, 3% were other civil cases, 9% were juvenile cases, and 5% were child support cases. The District Court disposed of 4,378 cases during the fiscal year.



*\* On January 3, 2011, Bob McMillan was appointed circuit clerk upon the retirement of John M. Sanyer.*

# MONTGOMERY COUNTY



*The modern four-story Montgomery County Courthouse was dedicated in May 1987 and was designed by the Montgomery architectural firm of Pearson, Humphries, Jones, and Associates. The 1958 courthouse was renovated and now houses the county's administrative offices. In 2009, the courthouse was renamed the Phelps-Price Justice Center in honor of the late Judge Joseph Phelps and current Montgomery County Presiding Circuit Judge Charles Price.*

## Judicial Circuit: 15th

### Circuit Judges:

Charles Price (Presiding)  
Robert T. Bailey\*  
Truman M. Hobbs, Jr.  
Anita L. Kelly  
Tracy S. McCooley  
Eugene W. Reese  
William A. Shashy  
Calvin L. Williams

### District Judges:

Pamela R. Higgins  
Jimmy B. Pool  
Sharon G. Yates

### Circuit Clerk:

Florence M. Cauthen\*\*

### Address:

Phelps-Price Justice Center  
Post Office Box 1667  
251 South Lawrence Street  
Montgomery, Alabama 35570

There were 12,814 cases filed in Montgomery Circuit Court in fiscal year 2011. Of those, 16% were criminal cases, 25% were civil cases, 17% were domestic cases, 18% were juvenile cases, and 23% were child support cases. The Circuit Court disposed of 12,544 cases during the fiscal year.

During fiscal year 2011, 36,392 cases were filed in Montgomery District Court. Of those, 11% were criminal cases, 52% were traffic cases, 24% were small claims, and 12% were other civil cases. The District Court disposed of 38,060 cases during the fiscal year.

### Telephone:

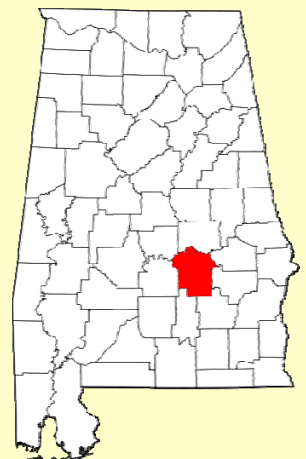
(334) 832-1260

### Population:

229,363

*\* Governor Bentley appointed Bob Bailey as circuit judge in December 2011. In June 2011, Presiding Judge Price appointed Bailey as a special circuit judge on an interim basis after the resignation of Judge Patricia Warner.*

*\*\* Florence Cauthen was appointed circuit clerk after the retirement of Melissa Rittenour on January 31, 2011.*





# MORGAN COUNTY

*Designed by Decatur architect Walter Hickman Hall, the Morgan County Courthouse was first occupied in April 1976.*



**Judicial Circuit:** 8th

**Circuit Judges:**

Sherrie W. Paler (Presiding)  
Glenn E. Thompson

**District Judges:**

Brent M. Craig  
Charles B. Langham  
Shelly S. Waters

**Circuit Clerk:**

John Pat Orr

**Address:**

Morgan County Courthouse  
Post Office Box 668  
302 Lee Street  
Decatur, Alabama 35602

**Telephone:**

(251) 351-4649

**Population:**

119,490

There were 4,584 cases filed in Morgan Circuit Court in fiscal year 2011. Of those, 38% were criminal cases, 18% were civil cases, and 44% were domestic cases. The Circuit Court disposed of 4,816 cases during the fiscal year.

During fiscal year 2011, 20,068 cases were filed in Morgan District Court. Of those, 14% were criminal cases, 62% were traffic cases, 10% were small claims, 5% were other civil cases, 6% were juvenile cases, and 4% were child support cases. The District Court disposed of 20,263 cases during the fiscal year.





# PERRY COUNTY



*Designed by Massachusetts native Benjamin F. Parsons, the Perry County Courthouse was constructed in 1855. In 1955, wings were added to the north and south sides of the courthouse and the structure was painted white. The courthouse's exterior was featured in the 1968 movie 'The Heart Is A Lonely Hunter.'*

**Judicial Circuit:** 4th

**Circuit Judges:**

Marvin W. Wiggins (Presiding)  
Thomas ap R. Jones  
Jack W. Meigs

**District Judge:**

Donald L. McMillan

**Circuit Clerk:**

Mary C. Moore

**Address:**

Perry County Courthouse  
Post Office Box 505  
300 Washington Street  
Marion, Alabama 36756

**Telephone:**

(334) 683-6106

**Population:**

10,591

There were 279 cases filed in Perry Circuit Court in fiscal year 2011. Of those, 32% were criminal cases, 38% were civil cases, and 29% were domestic cases. The Circuit Court disposed of 315 cases during the fiscal year.

During fiscal year 2011, 2,963 cases were filed in Perry District Court. Of those, 9% were criminal cases, 58% were traffic cases, 11% were small claims, 2% were other civil cases, 1% were juvenile cases, and 20% were child support cases. The District Court disposed of 2,847 cases during the fiscal year.



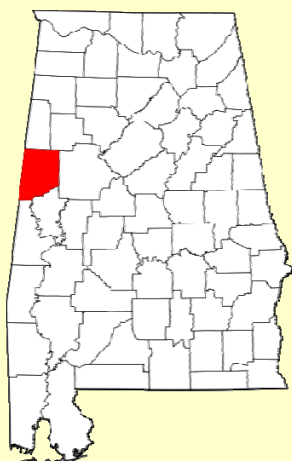
# PICKENS COUNTY

*Constructed in 1994, the Pickens County Judicial Center was designed by Johnson Bailey Henderson McNeal Architects, Inc. It sits across from the Italianate 1878 Pickens County Courthouse which is known for the “face in the window.”*



There were 577 cases filed in Pickens Circuit Court in fiscal year 2011. Of those, 47% were criminal cases, 19% were civil cases, 34% were domestic cases, and .35% were juvenile cases. The Circuit Court disposed of 744 cases during the fiscal year.

During fiscal year 2011, 3,693 cases were filed in Pickens District Court. Of those, 21% were criminal cases, 51% were traffic cases, 7% were small claims, 2% were other civil cases, 6% were juvenile cases, and 13% were child support cases. The District Court disposed of 3,806 cases during the fiscal year.



**Judicial Circuit:** 24th

**Circuit Judge:**  
James W. Moore, Jr.

**District Judge:**  
David L. Bailey

**Circuit Clerk:**  
Bobby W. Cowart

**Address:**  
Pickens County Judicial Center  
Post Office Box 418  
20 Phoenix Avenue  
Carrollton, Alabama 35447

**Telephone:**  
(205) 367-2050

**Population:**  
19,746

# PIKE COUNTY



*Completed in 1953, the Pike County Courthouse replaced the 1880 courthouse which was located one block away from the current courthouse on the public square. Charles F. Minch of Montgomery was the architect. The courthouse was extensively renovated in 2001.*

**Judicial Circuit:** 12th

**Circuit Judges:**

Jeffery W. Kelley (Presiding)

Shannon R. Clark

Thomas E. Head

**District Judge:**

William G. Hightower

**Circuit Clerk:**

Jamie N. Scarbrough

**Address:**

Pike County Courthouse

120 West Church Street

Troy, Alabama 36081

**Telephone:**

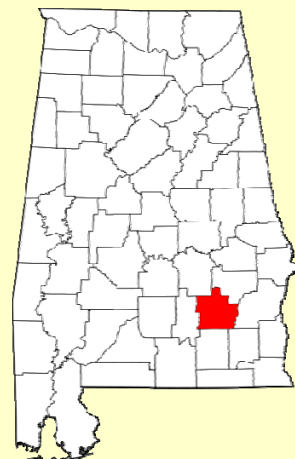
(334) 566-4622

**Population:**

32,899

There were 2,046 cases filed in Pike Circuit Court in fiscal year 2011. Of those, 51% were criminal cases, 28% were civil cases, and 21% were domestic cases. The Circuit Court disposed of 1,346 cases during the fiscal year.

During fiscal year 2011, 10,084 cases were filed in Pike District Court. Of those, 9% were criminal cases, 71% were traffic cases, 10% were small claims, 3% were other civil cases, 4% were juvenile cases, and 3% were child support cases. The District Court disposed of 10,279 cases during the fiscal year.



# RANDOLPH COUNTY

*The Randolph County Courthouse, built in 1941, was constructed in the footprint of the previous courthouse which burned in 1937. Designed by Paul W. Hofferbert and constructed by the Works Progress Administration, the courthouse cost \$200,000 to build. In 1985 and 1986, the county gutted the interior of the courthouse and completely renovated the interior and exterior.*



**Judicial Circuit:** 5th

**Circuit Judges:**

Ray D. Martin (Presiding)  
Steven R. Perryman  
Tom F. Young, Jr.

**District Judge:**

W. Patrick Whaley

**Circuit Clerk:**

Christopher R. May

**Address:**

Randolph County Courthouse  
Post Office Box 328  
One Main Street  
Wedowee, Alabama 36278

**Telephone:**

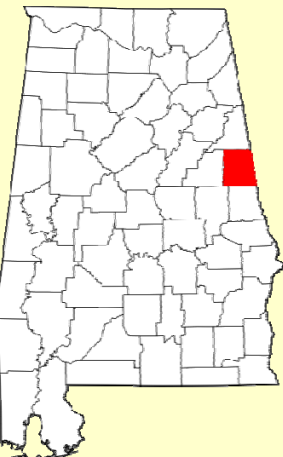
(256) 357-4551

**Population:**

22,913

There were 729 cases filed in Randolph Circuit Court in fiscal year 2011. Of those, 44% were criminal cases, 25% were civil cases, and 30% were domestic cases. The Circuit Court disposed of 711 cases during the fiscal year.

During fiscal year 2011, 3,111 cases were filed in Randolph District Court. Of those, 31% were criminal cases, 41% were traffic cases, 13% were small claims, 4% were other civil cases, 6% were juvenile cases, and 4% were child support cases. The District Court disposed of 3,325 cases during the fiscal year.





# RUSSELL COUNTY



*Built in 1938 through the Federal Public Works Administration, the neo-classical Russell County Courthouse was constructed after the seat of government was moved from Seale to Phenix City. In 2011, all county administration offices moved to a new courthouse on the banks of the Chattahoochee River. The 1938 courthouse is currently undoing extensive additions and renovations. Upon completion, it will become the Russell County Judicial Center, housing all court operations.*

**Judicial Circuit:** 26th

**Circuit Judges:**

Albert L. Johnson (Presiding)  
George R. Greene

**District Judges:**

Michael J. Bellamy  
Albert D. Johnson

**Circuit Clerk:**

Kathy S. Coulter

**Address:**

Russell County Judicial Center  
501 14th Street  
Phenix City, Alabama 36867

**Telephone:**

(334) 298-0516

**Population:**

52,947

There were 2,434 cases filed in Russell Circuit Court in fiscal year 2011. Of those, 53% were criminal cases, 19% were civil cases, and 28% were domestic cases. The Circuit Court disposed of 2,842 cases during the fiscal year.

During fiscal year 2011, 13,577 cases were filed in Russell District Court. Of those, 15% were criminal cases, 58% were traffic cases, 9% were small claims, 6% were other civil cases, 7% were juvenile cases, and 6% were child support cases. The District Court disposed of 13,767 cases during the fiscal year.





# SHELBY COUNTY

*Construction began in 1905 and was completed in 1908 on the Shelby County Courthouse. It was built by the B. G. Bynum Construction Company. The courthouse was renovated and significantly enlarged in 1991.*



There were 5,572 cases filed in Shelby Circuit Court in fiscal year 2011. Of those, 28% were criminal cases, 40% were civil cases, 31% were domestic cases, and .11% were juvenile cases. The Circuit Court disposed of 5,121 cases during the fiscal year.

During fiscal year 2011, 26,406 cases were filed in Shelby District Court. Of those, 21% were criminal cases, 56% were traffic cases, 8% were small claims, 6% were other civil cases, 6% were juvenile cases, and 3% were child support cases. The District Court disposed of 26,758 cases during the fiscal year.



*\* Governor Bentley appointed Judge Bostick to the circuit bench in April 2011. He replaced former Circuit Judge Michael Joiner who was appointed to the Court of Criminal Appeals in February 2011.*

## Judicial Circuit: 18th

### Circuit Judges:

H. L. "Sonny" Conwill (Presiding)  
William H. Bostick, III\*  
Hub B. Harrington  
G. Daniel Reeves

### District Judge:

Ronald E. Jackson  
James R. Kramer

### Circuit Clerk:

Mary H. Harris

### Address:

Shelby County Courthouse  
Post Office Box 1810  
112 North Main Street  
Columbiana, Alabama 35051

### Telephone:

(205) 669-3779

### Population:

195,085

# ST. CLAIR COUNTY



*St. Clair County has two county seats, Ashville and Pell City. The Ashville courthouse (pictured) was constructed in 1845. It has been enlarged or remodeled in 1886, 1911, 1945, 1964, and 1982. The courthouse was renovated again in 2010 at a cost of \$6 million. The Pell City courthouse was constructed in 1956 at a cost of \$625,000. In 2000, the courthouse was remodeled and renovated at a cost of \$5.5 million.*

**Judicial Circuit:** 30th

**Circuit Judges:**

James E. Hill, Jr. (Presiding)  
Philip K. Seay\*

**District Judges:**

Alan C. Furr\*\*  
Robert L. Minor

**Circuit Clerk:**

Annette M. Hall

**Address:**

St. Clair County Courthouse  
100 6th Avenue  
Ashville, Alabama 35953

St. Clair County Courthouse  
1815 Cogswell Avenue  
Pell City, Alabama 35125

**Telephone:**

(205) 594-2184 (Asheville)  
(205) 338-2511 (Pell City)

**Population:**

83,593

There were 2,990 cases filed in St. Clair Circuit Court in fiscal year 2011. Of those, 39% were criminal cases, 32% were civil cases, and 29% were domestic cases. The Circuit Court disposed of 2,936 cases during the fiscal year.

During fiscal year 2011, 19,522 cases were filed in St. Clair District Court. Of those, 9% were criminal cases, 76% were traffic cases, 5% were small claims, 3% were other civil cases, 5% were juvenile cases, and 3% were child support cases. The District Court disposed of 18,931 cases during the fiscal year.

*\*On September 6, 2011, Governor Bentley appointed Judge Seay as circuit judge upon the retirement of Judge Charles Robinson.*

*\*\* On October 11, 2011, Governor Bentley appointed Judge Furr as district judge. The judgeship became vacant upon Judge Seay's appointment as circuit judge.*



*The Sumter County Courthouse was constructed in 1902 by C. H. Dabbs & Company. Designed by the architectural firm of Ausfeld & Chapman, the courthouse exhibits elements of both the Beaux Arts and Classical Revival styles. It features an eight-sided cupola.*



There were 227 cases filed in Sumter Circuit Court in fiscal year 2011. Of those, 39% were criminal cases, 38% were civil cases, and 23% were domestic cases. The Circuit Court disposed of 250 cases during the fiscal year.

During fiscal year 2011, 3,562 cases were filed in Sumter District Court. Of those, 11% were criminal cases, 76% were traffic cases, 3% were small claims, 1% were other civil cases, 1% were juvenile cases, and 7% were child support cases. The District Court disposed of 3,559 cases during the fiscal year.



**Judicial Circuit:** 17th

**Circuit Judge:**  
Eddie Hardaway, Jr.

**District Judge:**  
Tammy J. Montgomery

**Circuit Clerk:**  
Edmond Bell

**Address:**  
Sumter County Courthouse  
Post Office Box 936  
226 Franklin Street  
Livingston, Alabama 35470

**Telephone:**  
(205) 652-2291

**Population:**  
13,763

# TALLADEGA COUNTY



*Constructed in 1836, the Talladega County Courthouse is the oldest courthouse in continuous use in Alabama. The courthouse was severely damaged by a 1925 fire and was significantly altered when rebuilt after the fire. In 1974, the Talladega County Judicial Building was constructed, and all judicial offices moved to that building. The courthouse was restored, and county administrative offices are now housed there. Talladega County also has a satellite courthouse in Sylacauga .*

**Judicial Circuit:** 29th

**Circuit Judges:**

Julian M. King (Presiding)  
William E. Hollingsworth, III

**District Judges:**

Jeb S. Fannin  
M. Ryan Rumsey

**Circuit Clerk:**

Clarence E. Haynes

**Address:**

Talladega County Courthouse  
One Courthouse Square  
Post Office Box 6137  
Talladega, Alabama 35161

Talladega County Courthouse  
400 North Norton  
Sylacauga, Alabama 35150

**Telephone:**

(256) 761-2102 (Talladega)  
(256) 245-4352 (Sylacauga)

**Population:**

82,291

There were 2,507 cases filed in Talladega Circuit Court in fiscal year 2011. Of those, 34% were criminal cases, 30% were civil cases, and 36% were domestic cases. The Circuit Court disposed of 2,728 cases during the fiscal year.

During fiscal year 2011, 20,264 cases were filed in Talladega District Court. Of those, 15% were criminal cases, 67% were traffic cases, 8% were small claims, 3% were other civil cases, 4% were juvenile cases, and 4% were child support cases. The District Court disposed of 19,030 cases during the fiscal year.





# TALLAPOOSA COUNTY

*Construction began in 1958 and was completed in 1960 on the Tallapoosa County Courthouse in Dadeville (pictured). Designed by Martin J. Lide of Birmingham and built by the Blair Construction Company of Alexander City, construction costs totaled \$600,000.*

*For over a century, Tallapoosa has maintained a satellite courthouse in Alexander City. In 1939, a city hall for Alexander City was constructed with the second floor devoted to the circuit clerk and court. This space is still used for its intended purpose.*



**Judicial Circuit:** 5th

**Circuit Judges:**

Ray D. Martin (Presiding)  
Steven R. Perryman  
Tom F. Young, Jr.

**District Judge:**

Clayton K. Taylor

**Circuit Clerk:**

Patti C. Lucas\*

**Address:**

Tallapoosa County Courthouse  
125 North Broadnax Street  
Dadeville, Alabama 36853

Tallapoosa County Courthouse  
One Court Square  
Alexander City, Alabama 35010

**Telephone:**

(256) 825-1098 (Dadeville)  
(256) 234-4631 (Alex City)

**Population:**

41,616

There were 1,810 cases filed in Tallapoosa Circuit Court in fiscal year 2011. Of those, 50% were criminal cases, 23% were civil cases, and 27% were domestic cases. The Circuit Court disposed of 1,672 cases during the fiscal year.

During fiscal year 2011, 9,582 cases were filed in Tallapoosa District Court. Of those, 20% were criminal cases, 56% were traffic cases, 9% were small claims, 5% were other civil cases, 6% were juvenile cases, and 4% were child support cases. The District Court disposed of 9,762 cases during the fiscal year.



*\*Frank Lucas retired as circuit clerk on December 31, 2011. Upon his retirement, Patti Lucas was appointed circuit clerk.*



# TUSCALOOSA COUNTY



*The Tuscaloosa County Courthouse was constructed in 1963-1964 at a cost of \$3 million. It was designed by Charles McCauley of Birmingham.*

**Judicial Circuit:** 6th

**Circuit Judges:**

M. Brad Almond (Presiding)  
W. Scott Donaldson  
John H. England, Jr.  
Elizabeth C. Hamner\*  
Philip N. Lisenby  
James H. Roberts, Jr.\*\*

**District Judges:**

Joel R. Chandler  
James C. Guin, III

**Circuit Clerk:**

Margaria H. Bobo

**District Clerk:**

Elizabeth B. Hamner

**Address:**

Tuscaloosa County Courthouse  
714 Greensboro Avenue  
Tuscaloosa, Alabama 35401

**Telephone:**

(205) 349-3870

**Population:**

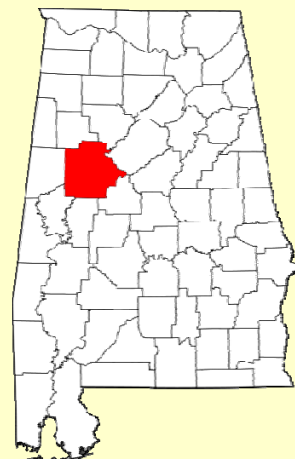
194,656

There were 10,702 cases filed in Tuscaloosa Circuit Court in fiscal year 2011. Of those, 34% were criminal cases, 17% were civil cases, 19% were domestic cases, 17% were juvenile cases, and 12% were child support cases. The Circuit Court disposed of 10,942 cases during the fiscal year.

During fiscal year 2011, 42,535 cases were filed in Tuscaloosa District Court. Of those, 15% were criminal cases, 71% were traffic cases, 9% were small claims, and 5% were other civil cases. The District Court disposed of 41,825 cases during the fiscal year.

*\* Governor Bentley appointed Judge Elizabeth Hamner to the circuit bench in March 2011. The judgeship had been made vacant by the retirement of Judge Hershel Hamner.*

*\*\* Judge Roberts was appointed circuit judge by Governor Bentley in February 2011. The judgeship became vacant upon Judge Charles Malone's resignation to become Governor Bentley's chief of staff.*



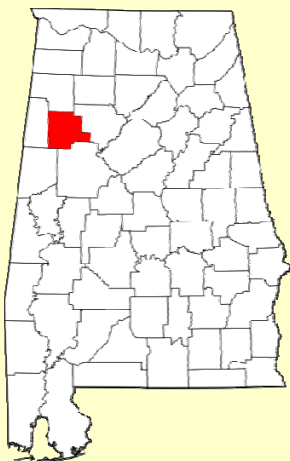
# WALKER COUNTY

*The Walker County Courthouse was built in 1933. Constructed of white limestone, it was designed by Charles H. McCauley. The courthouse was severely damaged by a tornado on April 3, 1974.*



There were 3,473 cases filed in Walker Circuit Court in fiscal year 2011. Of those, 28% were criminal cases, 19% were civil cases, 22% were domestic cases, and 30% were juvenile cases. The Circuit Court disposed of 2,861 cases during the fiscal year.

During fiscal year 2011, 12,340 cases were filed in Walker District Court. Of those, 18% were criminal cases, 65% were traffic cases, 10% were small claims, 4% were other civil cases, and 3% were child support cases. The District Court disposed of 11,979 cases during the fiscal year.



**Judicial Circuit:** 14th

**Circuit Judges:**

Jerry K. Selman (Presiding)  
Hoyt M. Elliott, Jr.  
Hugh D. Farris, Jr.

**District Judges:**

Henry P. Allred  
Larry E. Lapkovitch

**Circuit Clerk:**

Susan D. Odom

**Address:**

Walker County Courthouse  
Post Office Box 1389  
Jasper, Alabama 35502

**Telephone:**

(205) 384-7025

**Population:**

67,023

# WASHINGTON COUNTY



*The Washington County Courthouse was constructed in 1965 at a cost of \$1 million. Governor George Wallace dedicated the courthouse on September 4, 1965.*

**Judicial Circuit:** 1st

**Circuit Judges:**

Gaines McCorquodale (Presiding)  
Charles R. Montgomery

**District Judge:**

Jerry L. Turner

**Circuit Clerk:**

Steven P. Grimes

**Address:**

Washington County Courthouse  
Post Office Box 548  
Chatom, Alabama 36518

**Telephone:**

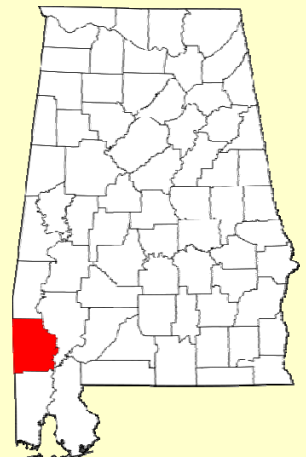
(251) 847-2239

**Population:**

17,581

There were 605 cases filed in Washington Circuit Court in fiscal year 2011. Of those, 37% were criminal cases, 23% were civil cases, and 40% were domestic cases. The Circuit Court disposed of 582 cases during the fiscal year.

During fiscal year 2011, 5,131 cases were filed in Washington District Court. Of those, 16% were criminal cases, 68% were traffic cases, 6% were small claims, 2% were other civil cases, 2% were juvenile cases, and 6% were child support cases. The District Court disposed of 5,017 cases during the fiscal year.



*The Wilcox County Courthouse was constructed in 1858. Designed by Alexander Bragg, brother of Confederate General Braxton Bragg, the Greek revival courthouse was built to resemble the courthouse designed by Robert Mills in Camden, South Carolina. Two additions were added to the courthouse in 1963. In 1978, a three-story courthouse annex was constructed one block from the courthouse, and all court operations were moved to the annex.*



**Judicial Circuit:** 4th

**Circuit Judges:**

Marvin W. Wiggins (Presiding)  
Thomas ap R. Jones  
Jack W. Meigs

**District Judge:**

Jo Celeste Pettway

**Circuit Clerk:**

Ralph W. Ervin

**Address:**

Wilcox County Courthouse Annex  
Post Office Box 608  
12 Water Street  
Camden, Alabama 36726

**Telephone:**

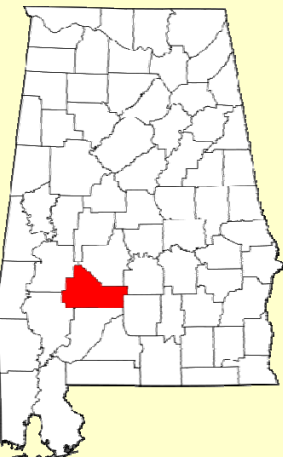
(334) 682-4126

**Population:**

11,670

There were 254 cases filed in Wilcox Circuit Court in fiscal year 2011. Of those, 32% were criminal cases, 46% were civil cases, and 22% were domestic cases. The Circuit Court disposed of 221 cases during the fiscal year.

During fiscal year 2011, 3,406 cases were filed in Wilcox District Court. Of those, 23% were criminal cases, 54% were traffic cases, 8% were small claims, 2% were other civil cases, and 13% were juvenile or child support cases. The District Court disposed of 3,339 cases during the fiscal year.





# WINSTON COUNTY



*The neo-classical Winston County Courthouse was built in 1894 and remodeled in 1929. It is constructed of locally quarried sandstone.*

**Judicial Circuit:** 25th

**Circuit Judges:**

John H. Bentley (Presiding)  
Talmage Lee Carter

**District Judge:**

Michael E. Newell

**Circuit Clerk:**

John D. Snoddy

**Address:**

Winston County Courthouse  
Post Office Box 309  
195 Main Street  
Double Springs, Alabama 35553

**Telephone:**

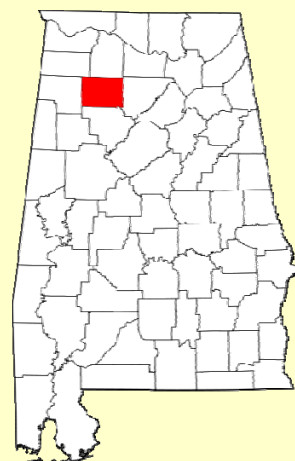
(205) 489-5533

**Population:**

24,484

There were 604 cases filed in Winston Circuit Court in fiscal year 2011. Of those, 34% were criminal cases, 27% were civil cases, and 38% were domestic cases. The Circuit Court disposed of 692 cases during the fiscal year.

During fiscal year 2011, 5,407 cases were filed in Winston District Court. Of those, 21% were criminal cases, 66% were traffic cases, 4% were small claims, 2% were other civil cases, 4% were juvenile cases, and 3% were child support cases. The District Court disposed of 5,487 cases during the fiscal year.





# CIRCUIT COURT CASELOAD STATISTICS, FY 2010 & 2011

Circuit	County	Jurisdiction	Cases Filed		Change 2010-2011		Cases Disposed		Change 2010-2011	
			2010	2011	# +/-	%	2010	2011	# +/-	%
1st	Choctaw	Criminal	152	151	-1	-1%	155	124	-31	-20%
		Felony	76	99	23	30%	91	69	-22	-24%
		Other	76	52	-24	-32%	64	55	-9	-14%
		Civil	133	138	5	4%	153	123	-30	-20%
		Domestic	140	133	-7	-5%	131	153	22	17%
		Original	105	105	0	0%	99	119	20	20%
		Modification	35	28	-7	-20%	32	34	2	6%
		<b>Total</b>	<b>425</b>	<b>422</b>	<b>-3</b>	<b>-1%</b>	<b>439</b>	<b>400</b>	<b>-39</b>	<b>-9%</b>
	Clarke	Criminal	643	682	39	6%	666	667	1	0%
		Felony	384	465	81	21%	371	422	51	14%
		Other	259	217	-42	-16%	295	245	-50	-17%
		Civil	247	240	-7	-3%	273	250	-23	-8%
		Domestic	254	231	-23	-9%	250	285	35	14%
		Original	155	137	-18	-12%	153	176	23	15%
		Modification	99	94	-5	-5%	97	109	12	12%
		<b>Total</b>	<b>1,144</b>	<b>1,153</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>1%</b>	<b>1,189</b>	<b>1,202</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>1%</b>
	Washington	Criminal	331	221	-110	-33%	319	201	-118	-37%
		Felony	158	111	-47	-30%	148	107	-41	-28%
		Other	173	110	-63	-36%	171	94	-77	-45%
		Civil	175	139	-36	-21%	197	148	-49	-25%
		Domestic	245	245	0	0%	240	233	-7	-3%
		Original	132	130	-2	-2%	135	141	6	4%
		Modification	113	115	2	2%	105	92	-13	-12%
		<b>Total</b>	<b>751</b>	<b>605</b>	<b>-146</b>	<b>-19%</b>	<b>756</b>	<b>582</b>	<b>-174</b>	<b>-23%</b>
	1st Circuit Totals	Criminal	1,126	1,054	-72	-6%	1,140	992	-148	-13%
		Felony	618	675	57	9%	610	598	-12	-2%
		Other	508	379	-129	-25%	530	394	-136	-26%
		Civil	555	517	-38	-7%	623	521	-102	-16%
		Domestic	639	609	-30	-5%	621	671	50	8%
		Original	392	372	-20	-5%	387	436	49	13%
		Modification	247	237	-10	-4%	234	235	1	0%
		<b>Total</b>	<b>2,320</b>	<b>2,180</b>	<b>-140</b>	<b>-6%</b>	<b>2,384</b>	<b>2,184</b>	<b>-200</b>	<b>-8%</b>
2nd	Butler	Criminal	365	415	50	14%	492	422	-70	-14%
		Felony	211	223	12	6%	263	219	-44	-17%
		Other	154	192	38	25%	229	203	-26	-11%
		Civil	167	142	-25	-15%	158	168	10	6%
		Domestic	201	220	19	9%	205	201	-4	-2%
		Original	135	162	27	20%	127	137	10	8%
		Modification	66	58	-8	-12%	78	64	-14	-18%
		<b>Total</b>	<b>733</b>	<b>777</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>6%</b>	<b>855</b>	<b>791</b>	<b>-64</b>	<b>-7%</b>
	Crenshaw	Criminal	189	152	-37	-20%	156	156	0	0%
		Felony	130	75	-55	-42%	94	81	-13	-14%
		Other	59	77	18	31%	62	75	13	21%
		Civil	96	106	10	10%	94	114	20	21%
		Domestic	177	207	30	17%	182	226	44	24%
		Original	138	153	15	11%	138	159	21	15%
		Modification	39	54	15	38%	44	67	23	52%
		<b>Total</b>	<b>462</b>	<b>465</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1%</b>	<b>432</b>	<b>496</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>15%</b>
	Lowndes	Criminal	169	117	-52	-31%	162	193	31	19%
		Felony	83	59	-24	-29%	72	96	24	33%
		Other	86	58	-28	-33%	90	97	7	8%
		Civil	141	108	-33	-23%	106	137	31	29%
		Domestic	116	115	-1	-1%	113	99	-14	-12%
		Original	75	87	12	16%	80	72	-8	-10%
		Modification	41	28	-13	-32%	33	27	-6	-18%
		<b>Total</b>	<b>426</b>	<b>340</b>	<b>-86</b>	<b>-20%</b>	<b>381</b>	<b>429</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>13%</b>

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			2010	2011	# +/-	%	2010	2011	# +/-	%
2nd (Cont.)	2nd Circuit Totals	Criminal	723	684	-39	-5%	810	771	-39	-5%
		Felony	424	357	-67	-16%	429	396	-33	-8%
		Other	299	327	28	9%	381	375	-6	-2%
		Civil	404	356	-48	-12%	358	419	61	17%
		Domestic	494	542	48	10%	500	526	26	5%
		Original	348	402	54	16%	345	368	23	7%
		Modification	146	140	-6	-4%	155	158	3	2%
		Total	1,621	1,582	-39	-2%	1,668	1,716	48	3%
3rd	Barbour—Clayton	Criminal	73	119	46	63%	78	135	57	73%
		Felony	25	55	30	120%	35	69	34	97%
		Other	48	64	16	33%	43	66	23	53%
		Civil	56	57	1	2%	69	46	-23	-33%
		Domestic	108	112	4	4%	107	99	-8	-7%
		Original	52	42	-10	-19%	50	35	-15	-30%
		Modification	56	70	14	25%	57	64	7	12%
		Total	237	288	51	22%	254	280	26	10%
	Barbour—Eufaula	Criminal	273	346	73	27%	378	349	-29	-8%
		Felony	212	221	9	4%	282	233	-49	-17%
		Other	61	125	64	105%	96	116	20	21%
		Civil	155	135	-20	-13%	148	142	-6	-4%
		Domestic	189	186	-3	-2%	182	186	4	2%
		Original	166	160	-6	-4%	161	159	-2	-1%
		Modification	23	26	3	13%	21	27	6	29%
		Total	617	667	50	8%	708	677	-31	-4%
	Barbour	Criminal	346	465	119	34%	456	484	28	6%
		Felony	237	276	39	16%	317	302	-15	-5%
		Other	109	189	80	73%	139	182	43	31%
		Civil	211	192	-19	-9%	217	188	-29	-13%
		Domestic	297	298	1	0%	289	285	-4	-1%
		Original	218	202	-16	-7%	211	194	-17	-8%
		Modification	79	96	17	22%	78	91	13	17%
		Total	854	955	101	12%	962	957	-5	-1%
	Bullock	Criminal	149	227	78	52%	150	184	34	23%
		Felony	79	127	48	61%	89	114	25	28%
		Other	70	100	30	43%	61	70	9	15%
		Civil	108	118	10	9%	98	90	-8	-8%
		Domestic	39	43	4	10%	32	40	8	25%
		Original	34	41	7	21%	30	38	8	27%
		Modification	5	2	-3	-60%	2	2	0	0%
		Total	296	388	92	31%	280	314	34	12%
	3rd Circuit Totals	Criminal	495	692	197	40%	606	668	62	10%
		Felony	316	403	87	28%	406	416	10	2%
		Other	179	289	110	61%	200	252	52	26%
		Civil	319	310	-9	-3%	315	278	-37	-12%
		Domestic	336	341	5	1%	321	325	4	1%
		Original	252	243	-9	-4%	241	232	-9	-4%
		Modification	84	98	14	17%	80	93	13	16%
		Total	1,150	1,343	193	17%	1,242	1,271	29	2%
4th	Bibb	Criminal	260	256	-4	-2%	295	222	-73	-25%
		Felony	153	129	-24	-16%	173	109	-64	-37%
		Other	107	127	20	19%	122	113	-9	-7%
		Civil	220	194	-26	-12%	203	237	34	17%
		Domestic	270	312	42	16%	267	262	-5	-2%
		Original	192	213	21	11%	183	188	5	3%
		Modification	78	99	21	27%	84	74	-10	-12%
		Total	750	762	12	2%	765	721	-44	-6%

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			2010	2011	# +/-	%	2010	2011	# +/-	%
4th (Cont.)	Dallas	Criminal	539	558	19	4%	654	586	-68	-10%
		Felony	305	388	83	27%	380	397	17	4%
		Other	234	170	-64	-27%	274	189	-85	-31%
		Civil	400	417	17	4%	394	415	21	5%
		Domestic	359	337	-22	-6%	340	334	-6	-2%
		Original	234	246	12	5%	225	241	16	7%
		Modification	125	91	-34	-27%	115	93	-22	-19%
		Juvenile	1	3	2	200%	0	2	2	200%
		Total	1,299	1,315	16	1%	1,388	1,337	-51	-4%
	Hale	Criminal	145	52	-93	-64%	159	124	-35	-22%
		Felony	120	43	-77	-64%	121	106	-15	-12%
		Other	25	9	-16	-64%	38	18	-20	-53%
		Civil	147	127	-20	-14%	159	162	3	2%
		Domestic	93	95	2	2%	104	92	-12	-12%
		Original	86	82	-4	-5%	96	82	-14	-15%
		Modification	7	13	6	86%	8	10	2	25%
		Total	385	274	-111	-29%	422	378	-44	-10%
	Perry	Criminal	110	90	-20	-18%	133	121	-12	-9%
		Felony	62	60	-2	-3%	60	67	7	12%
		Other	48	30	-18	-38%	73	54	-19	-26%
		Civil	99	107	8	8%	92	104	12	13%
		Domestic	78	82	4	5%	68	90	22	32%
		Original	55	58	3	5%	48	61	13	27%
		Modification	23	24	1	4%	20	29	9	45%
		Total	287	279	-8	-3%	293	315	22	8%
	Wilcox	Criminal	45	82	37	82%	50	34	-16	-32%
		Felony	34	63	29	85%	32	28	-4	-13%
		Other	11	19	8	73%	18	6	-12	-67%
		Civil	138	116	-22	-16%	130	127	-3	-2%
		Domestic	55	56	1	2%	45	60	15	33%
		Original	37	36	-1	-3%	33	40	7	21%
		Modification	18	20	2	11%	12	20	8	67%
		Total	238	254	16	7%	225	221	-4	-2%
	4th Circuit Totals	Criminal	1,099	1,038	-61	-6%	1,291	1,087	-204	-16%
		Felony	674	683	9	1%	766	707	-59	-8%
		Other	425	355	-70	-16%	525	380	-145	-28%
		Civil	1,004	961	-43	-4%	978	1,045	67	7%
		Domestic	855	882	27	3%	824	838	14	2%
		Original	604	635	31	5%	585	612	27	5%
		Modification	251	247	-4	-2%	239	226	-13	-5%
		Juvenile	1	3	2	200%	0	2	2	200%
		Total	2,959	2,884	-75	-3%	3,093	2,972	-121	-4%
5th	Chambers	Criminal	498	464	-34	-7%	486	469	-17	-3%
		Felony	293	256	-37	-13%	322	266	-56	-17%
		Other	205	208	3	1%	164	203	39	24%
		Civil	329	309	-20	-6%	428	270	-158	-37%
		Domestic	342	336	-6	-2%	307	303	-4	-1%
		Original	232	240	8	3%	204	219	15	7%
		Modification	110	96	-14	-13%	103	84	-19	-18%
		Total	1,169	1,109	-60	-5%	1,221	1,042	-179	-15%

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			2010	2011	# +/-	%	2010	2011	# +/-	%
5th (Cont.)	Macon	Criminal	184	183	-1	-1%	154	174	20	13%
		Felony	161	158	-3	-2%	131	151	20	15%
		Other	23	25	2	9%	23	23	0	0%
		Civil	232	226	-6	-3%	238	225	-13	-5%
		Domestic	127	118	-9	-7%	89	90	1	1%
		Original	106	91	-15	-14%	74	75	1	1%
		Modification	21	27	6	29%	15	15	0	0%
		<b>Total</b>	<b>543</b>	<b>527</b>	<b>-16</b>	<b>-3%</b>	<b>481</b>	<b>489</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>2%</b>
	Randolph	Criminal	237	324	87	37%	261	369	108	41%
		Felony	150	200	50	33%	142	248	106	75%
		Other	87	124	37	43%	119	121	2	2%
		Civil	174	185	11	6%	170	139	-31	-18%
		Domestic	231	220	-11	-5%	266	203	-63	-24%
		Original	164	154	-10	-6%	188	148	-40	-21%
		Modification	67	66	-1	-1%	78	55	-23	-29%
		<b>Total</b>	<b>642</b>	<b>729</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>14%</b>	<b>697</b>	<b>711</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>2%</b>
	Tallapoosa—Alexander City	Criminal	549	586	37	7%	509	549	40	8%
		Felony	299	322	23	8%	278	307	29	10%
		Other	250	264	14	6%	231	242	11	5%
		Civil	283	248	-35	-12%	237	243	6	3%
		Domestic	269	288	19	7%	245	249	4	2%
		Original	173	187	14	8%	153	176	23	15%
		Modification	96	101	5	5%	92	73	-19	-21%
		<b>Total</b>	<b>1,101</b>	<b>1,122</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>2%</b>	<b>991</b>	<b>1,041</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>5%</b>
	Tallapoosa—Dadeville	Criminal	237	318	81	34%	263	290	27	10%
		Felony	136	207	71	52%	134	182	48	36%
		Other	101	111	10	10%	129	108	-21	-16%
		Civil	187	162	-25	-13%	150	152	2	1%
		Domestic	212	208	-4	2%	198	189	-9	-5%
		Original	135	111	-24	-18%	134	98	-36	-27%
		Modification	77	97	20	26%	64	91	27	42%
		Juvenile	1	0	-1	-100%	0	0	0	0%
		<b>Total</b>	<b>637</b>	<b>388</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>8%</b>	<b>611</b>	<b>631</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>3%</b>
	Tallapoosa	Criminal	786	904	118	15%	772	839	67	9%
		Felony	435	529	94	22%	412	489	77	19%
		Other	351	375	24	7%	360	350	-10	-3%
		Civil	470	410	-60	-13%	387	395	8	2%
		Domestic	481	496	15	3%	443	438	-5	-1%
		Original	308	298	-10	-3%	287	274	-13	-5%
		Modification	173	198	25	14%	156	164	8	5%
		Juvenile	1	0	-1	-100%	0	0	0	0%
		<b>Total</b>	<b>1,738</b>	<b>1,810</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>4%</b>	<b>1,602</b>	<b>1,672</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>4%</b>
	5th Circuit Totals	Criminal	1,705	1,875	170	10%	1,673	1,851	178	11%
		Felony	1,039	1,143	104	10%	1,007	1,154	147	15%
		Other	666	732	66	10%	666	697	31	5%
		Civil	1,205	1,130	-75	-6%	1,223	1,029	-194	-16%
		Domestic	1,181	1,170	-11	-1%	1,105	1,034	-71	-6%
		Original	810	783	-27	-3%	753	716	-37	-5%
		Modification	371	387	16	4%	352	318	-34	-10%
		Juvenile	1	0	-1	-100%	0	0	0	0%
		<b>Total</b>	<b>4,092</b>	<b>4,175</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>2%</b>	<b>4,001</b>	<b>3,914</b>	<b>-87</b>	<b>-2%</b>

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			2010	2011	# +/-	%	2010	2011	# +/-	%
6th	Tuscaloosa	Criminal	3,822	3,665	-157	-4%	4,564	4,004	-560	-12%
		Felony	2,094	2,051	-43	-2%	2,834	2,563	-271	-10%
		Other	1,728	1,614	-114	-7%	1,730	1,441	-289	-17%
		Civil	2,256	1,855	-401	-18%	2,122	1,840	-282	-13%
		Domestic	1,862	2,068	206	11%	1,820	1,960	140	8%
		Original	1,382	1,585	203	15%	1,303	1,526	223	17%
		Modification	480	483	3	1%	517	434	-83	-16%
		Juvenile	1,898	1,860	-38	-2%	2,535	1,957	-578	-23%
		Child Support	1,401	1,254	-147	-10%	1,313	1,181	-132	-10%
		Total	11,239	10,702	-537	-5%	12,354	10,942	-1,412	-11%
7th	Calhoun	Criminal	3,087	2,815	-272	-9%	2,845	3,368	523	18%
		Felony	1,896	1,497	-399	-21%	1,597	2,095	498	31%
		Other	1,191	1,318	127	11%	1,248	1,273	25	2%
		Civil	1,089	942	-147	-13%	1,034	901	-133	-13%
		Domestic	1,507	1,703	196	13%	1,453	1,574	121	8%
		Original	1,158	1,303	145	13%	1,124	1,186	62	6%
		Modification	349	400	51	15%	329	388	59	18%
		Juvenile	1,212	1,195	-17	-1%	1,259	1,136	-123	-10%
		Child Support	1,047	1,017	-30	-3%	1,028	1,120	92	9%
		Total	7,942	7,672	-270	-3%	7,619	8,099	480	6%
	Cleburne	Criminal	617	439	-178	-29%	747	548	-199	-27%
		Felony	278	236	-42	-15%	322	276	-46	-14%
		Other	339	203	-136	-40%	425	272	-153	-36%
		Civil	100	98	-2	-2%	84	80	-4	-5%
		Domestic	333	295	-38	-11%	339	275	-64	-19%
		Original	200	160	-40	-20%	201	160	-41	-20%
		Modification	133	135	2	2%	138	115	-23	-17%
		Juvenile	Reported in District Court				Reported in District Court			
		Child Support	Reported in District Court				Reported in District Court			
		Total	1,050	832	-218	-21%	1,170	903	-267	-23%
	7th Circuit Totals	Criminal	3,704	3,254	-450	-12%	3,592	3,916	324	9%
		Felony	2,174	1,733	-441	-20%	1,919	2,371	452	24%
		Other	1,530	1,521	-9	-1%	1,673	1,545	-128	-8%
		Civil	1,189	1,040	-149	-13%	1,118	981	-137	-12%
		Domestic	1,840	1,998	158	9%	1,792	1,849	57	3%
		Original	1,358	1,463	105	8%	1,325	1,346	21	2%
		Modification	482	535	53	11%	467	503	36	8%
		Juvenile	1,212	1,195	-17	-1%	1,259	1,136	-123	-10%
		Child Support	1,047	1,017	-30	-3%	1,028	1,120	92	9%
		Total	8,992	8,504	-488	-5%	8,789	9,002	213	2%
8th	Morgan	Criminal	1,992	1,748	-244	-12%	2,161	2,113	-48	-2%
		Felony	898	629	-269	-30%	899	856	-43	-5%
		Other	1,094	1,119	25	2%	1,262	1,257	-5	-0.4%
		Civil	945	819	-126	-13%	1,018	909	-109	-11%
		Domestic	1,663	2,017	354	21%	1,628	1,858	230	14%
		Original	1,147	1,583	436	38%	1,090	1,380	290	27%
		Modification	516	434	-82	-16%	538	478	-60	-11%
		Juvenile	4	0	-4	100%	9	0	-9	-100%
		Total	4,604	4,584	-20	0%	4,816	4,882	66	1%



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			2010	2011	# +/-	%	2010	2011	# +/-	%
9th	Cherokee	Criminal	530	774	244	46%	362	554	192	53%
		Felony	315	396	81	26%	232	325	93	40%
		Other	215	378	163	76%	130	229	99	76%
		Civil	177	153	-24	-14%	189	139	-50	-26%
		Domestic	359	351	-8	-2%	350	334	-16	-5%
		Original	261	205	-56	-21%	265	199	-66	-25%
		Modification	98	146	48	49%	85	135	50	59%
		Total	1,066	1,278	212	20%	901	1,027	126	14%
	DeKalb	Criminal	966	843	-123	-13%	1,125	1,001	-124	-11%
		Felony	644	596	-48	-7%	579	540	-39	-7%
		Other	322	247	-75	-23%	546	461	-85	-16%
		Civil	462	418	-44	-10%	540	402	-138	-26%
		Domestic	820	833	13	2%	936	789	-147	-16%
		Original	606	622	16	3%	667	590	-77	-12%
		Modification	214	211	-3	-1%	269	199	-70	-26%
		Total	2,248	2,094	-154	-7%	2,601	2,192	-409	-16%
	9th Circuit Totals	Criminal	1,496	1,617	121	8%	1,487	1,555	68	5%
		Felony	959	992	33	3%	811	865	54	7%
		Other	537	625	88	16%	676	690	14	2%
		Civil	639	571	-68	-11%	729	541	-188	-26%
		Domestic	1,179	1,184	5	0%	1,286	1,123	-163	-13%
		Original	867	827	-40	-5%	932	789	-143	-15%
10th	Jefferson- Bessemer	Modification	312	357	45	14%	354	334	-20	-6%
		Total	3,314	3,372	58	2%	3,502	3,219	-283	-8%
	Jefferson- Bessemer	Criminal	1,924	2,460	536	28%	2,239	2,070	-169	-8%
		Felony	1,398	1,898	500	36%	1,692	1,566	-126	-7%
		Other	526	562	36	7%	547	504	-43	-8%
		Civil	1,564	1,326	-238	-15%	1,354	1,540	186	14%
		Domestic	1,116	1,077	-39	-3%	999	1,102	103	10%
		Original	912	885	-27	-3%	857	895	38	4%
		Modification	204	192	-12	-6%	142	207	65	46%
		Juvenile	Jefferson—Bessemer Juvenile and Child Support Cases are included in the Jefferson-Bessemer District Numbers							
		Child Support								
		Total	4,604	4,863	259	6%	4,592	4,712	120	3%
	Jefferson-Birmingham	Criminal	5,577	5,554	-23	0%	6,172	5,220	-952	-15%
		Felony	2,699	2,927	228	8%	3,004	2,678	-326	-11%
		Other	2,878	2,627	-251	-9%	3,168	2,542	-626	-20%
		Civil	8,117	6,951	-1,166	-14%	7,991	7,645	-346	-4%
		Domestic	3,822	4,281	459	12%	3,920	3,975	55	1%
		Original	2,926	3,301	375	13%	2,905	3,039	134	5%
		Modification	896	980	84	9%	1,015	936	-79	-8%
		Juvenile	4,279	3,853	-426	-10%	3,896	3,910	14	0%
		Child Support	4,282	3,872	-410	-10%	3,709	3,882	173	5%
		Total	26,077	24,511	-1,566	-6%	25,688	24,632	-1,056	-4%
	10th Circuit Totals	Criminal	7,501	8,014	513	7%	8,411	7,290	-1,121	-13%
		Felony	4,097	4,825	728	18%	4,696	4,244	-452	-10%
		Other	3,404	3,189	-215	-6%	3,715	3,046	-669	-18%
		Civil	9,681	8,277	-1,404	-15%	9,345	9,185	-160	-2%
		Domestic	4,938	5,358	420	9%	4,919	5,077	158	3%
		Original	3,838	4,186	348	9%	3,762	3,934	172	5%
		Modification	1,100	1,172	72	7%	1,157	1,143	-14	-1%
		Juvenile	4,279	3,853	-426	-10%	3,896	3,910	14	0%
		Child Support	4,282	3,872	-410	-10%	3,709	3,882	173	5%
		Total	30,681	29,374	-1,307	-4%	30,280	29,344	-936	-3%

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			2010	2011	# +/-	%	2010	2011	# +/-	%
11th	Lauderdale	Criminal	902	720	-182	-20%	875	923	48	5%
		Felony	747	451	-296	-39%	722	760	38	5%
		Other	155	179	24	15%	153	163	10	7%
		Civil	613	620	7	1%	579	524	-55	-9%
		Domestic	1,212	1,171	-41	-3%	1,271	1,075	-196	-15%
		Original	790	771	-19	-2%	849	698	-151	-18%
		Modification	422	400	-22	-5%	422	377	-45	-11%
		Juvenile	872	805	-67	-8%	947	841	-106	-11%
		Child Support	723	680	-43	-6%	768	605	-163	-21%
		Total	4,322	3,996	-326	-8%	4,440	3,968	-472	-11%
12th	Coffee—Elba	Criminal	406	250	-156	-38%	280	333	53	19%
		Felony	201	132	-69	-34%	118	194	76	64%
		Other	205	118	-87	-42%	162	139	-23	-14%
		Civil	125	109	-16	-13%	129	114	-15	-12%
		Domestic	128	123	-5	-4%	115	130	15	13%
		Original	74	71	-3	-4%	63	74	11	17%
		Modification	54	52	-2	-4%	52	56	4	8%
		Total	659	482	-177	-27%	524	577	53	10%
	Coffee—Enterprise	Criminal	750	717	-33	-4%	839	858	19	2%
		Felony	448	349	-99	-22%	416	458	42	10%
		Other	302	368	66	22%	423	400	-23	-5%
		Civil	370	387	17	5%	377	361	-16	-4%
		Domestic	464	460	-4	-1%	482	447	-35	-7%
		Original	318	310	-8	-3%	325	290	-35	-11%
		Modification	146	150	4	3%	157	157	0	0%
		Total	1,584	1,564	-20	-1%	1,698	1,666	-32	-2%
	Coffee	Criminal	1,156	967	-189	-16%	1,119	1,191	72	6%
		Felony	649	481	-168	-26%	534	652	118	22%
		Other	507	486	-21	-4%	585	539	-46	-8%
		Civil	495	496	1	0%	506	475	-31	-6%
		Domestic	592	583	-9	-2%	597	577	-20	-3%
		Original	392	381	-11	-3%	388	364	-24	-6%
		Modification	200	202	2	1%	209	213	4	2%
		Total	2,243	2,046	-197	-9%	2,222	2,243	21	1%
	Pike	Criminal	750	682	-68	-9%	746	737	-9	-1%
		Felony	331	370	39	12%	350	383	33	9%
		Other	419	312	-107	-26%	396	354	-42	-11%
		Civil	320	368	48	15%	360	368	8	2%
		Domestic	249	275	26	10%	263	240	-23	-9%
		Original	165	162	-3	-2%	172	154	-18	-10%
		Modification	84	113	29	35%	91	86	-5	-5%
		Juvenile	1	0	-1	-100%	0	0	0	0%
		Total	1,320	1,325	5	0%	1,369	13,46	-23	-2%
	12th Circuit Totals	Criminal	1,906	1,649	-257	-13%	1,865	1,928	63	3%
		Felony	980	851	-129	-13%	884	1,035	151	17%
		Other	926	798	-128	-14%	981	893	-88	-9%
		Civil	815	864	49	6%	866	843	-23	-3%
		Domestic	841	858	17	2%	860	817	-43	-5%
		Original	557	543	-14	-3%	560	518	-42	-8%
		Modification	284	315	31	11%	300	299	-1	0%
		Juvenile	1	0	-1	-100%	0	0	0	0%
		Total	3,563	3,371	-192	-5%	3,591	3,588	-3	0%

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			2010	2011	# +/-	%	2010	2011	# +/-	%
13th	Mobile	Criminal	8,871	9,275	404	5%	8,689	9,072	383	4%
		Felony	4,116	4,237	121	3%	4,018	4,167	149	4%
		Other	4,755	5,038	283	6%	4,671	4,905	234	5%
		Civil	4,656	4,280	-376	-8%	4,564	4,558	-6	0%
		Domestic	4,473	4,679	206	5%	4,352	4,593	241	6%
		Original	3,297	3,465	168	5%	3,273	3,446	173	5%
		Modification	1,176	1,214	38	3%	1,079	1,147	68	6%
		Juvenile	4,738	4,655	-83	-2%	4,508	4,087	-421	-9%
		Child Support	5,485	4,842	-643	-12%	4,621	4,434	-187	-4%
		Total	28,223	27,731	-492	-2%	26,734	26,744	10	0%
14th	Walker	Criminal	866	970	104	12%	685	592	-93	-14%
		Felony	528	652	124	23%	434	389	-45	-10%
		Other	338	318	-20	-6%	251	203	-48	-19%
		Civil	781	674	-107	-14%	631	698	67	11%
		Domestic	793	776	-17	-2%	616	636	20	3%
		Original	585	582	-3	-1%	502	485	-17	-3%
		Modification	208	194	-14	-7%	114	151	37	32%
		Juvenile	1,199	1,053	-146	-12%	1,040	935	-105	-10%
		Total	3,639	3,473	-166	-5%	2,972	2,861	-111	-4%
15th	Montgomery	Criminal	2,386	2,016	-370	-16%	2,653	2,363	-290	-11%
		Felony	1,657	1,417	-240	-14%	1,884	1,690	-194	-10%
		Other	729	599	-130	-18%	769	673	-96	-12%
		Civil	3,415	3,238	-177	-5%	3,795	3,482	-313	-8%
		Domestic	2,007	2,227	220	11%	1,918	1,903	-15	1%
		Original	1,436	1,603	167	12%	1,355	1,378	23	2%
		Modification	571	624	53	9%	563	525	-38	-7%
		Juvenile	2,373	2,334	-39	-2%	2,482	2,185	-297	-12%
		Child Support	2,568	2,999	431	17%	2,269	2,611	342	15%
		Total	12,749	12,814	65	1%	13,117	12,544	-573	-4%
16th	Etowah	Criminal	2,309	2,059	-250	-11%	2,048	2,257	209	10%
		Felony	1,611	1,448	-163	-10%	1,428	1,540	112	8%
		Other	698	611	-87	-12%	620	717	97	16%
		Civil	1,445	1,336	-109	-8%	1,327	1,325	-2	0%
		Domestic	1,704	1,676	-28	-2%	1,646	1,630	-16	1%
		Original	860	929	69	8%	861	876	15	2%
		Modification	844	747	-97	-11%	785	754	-31	-4%
		Juvenile	1	0	-1	-100%	0	0	0	0%
		Total	5,459	5,071	-388	-7%	5,021	5,212	191	4%
17th	Greene	Criminal	54	59	5	9%	91	70	-21	-23%
		Felony	48	54	6	13%	80	65	-15	-19%
		Other	6	5	-1	-17%	11	5	-6	-55%
		Civil	90	77	-13	-14%	90	74	-16	-18%
		Domestic	28	31	3	11%	25	22	-3	-12%
		Original	19	20	1	5%	17	15	-2	-12%
		Modification	9	11	2	22%	8	7	-1	-13%
		Total	172	167	-5	-3%	206	166	-40	-19%
	Marengo	Criminal	204	290	86	42%	234	321	87	37%
		Felony	179	276	97	54%	224	308	84	38%
		Other	25	14	-11	-44%	10	13	3	30%
		Civil	159	139	-20	-13%	180	158	-22	-12%
		Domestic	222	229	7	3%	206	197	-9	-4%
		Original	161	167	6	4%	141	160	19	13%
		Modification	61	62	1	2%	65	37	-28	-43%
		Total	585	658	73	12%	620	676	56	9%

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			2010	2011	# +/-	%	2010	2011	# +/-	%
17th (cont.)	Sumter	Criminal	71	88	17	24%	99	88	-11	-11%
		Felony	63	78	15	24%	85	76	-9	-11%
		Other	8	10	2	25%	14	12	-2	-14%
		Civil	105	87	-18	-17%	108	113	5	5%
		Domestic	57	52	-5	-9%	56	49	-7	-13%
		Original	38	26	-12	-32%	39	29	-10	26%
		Modification	19	26	7	37%	17	20	3	18%
		<b>Total</b>	<b>233</b>	<b>227</b>	<b>-6</b>	<b>-3%</b>	<b>263</b>	<b>250</b>	<b>-13</b>	<b>-5%</b>
	<b>17th Circuit Totals</b>	Criminal	329	437	108	33%	424	479	55	13%
		Felony	290	408	118	41%	389	449	60	15%
		Other	39	29	-10	-26%	35	30	-5	-14%
		Civil	354	303	-51	-14%	378	345	-33	-9%
		Domestic	307	312	5	2%	287	268	-19	-7%
		Original	218	213	-5	-2%	197	204	7	4%
		Modification	89	99	10	11%	90	64	-26	-29%
		<b>Total</b>	<b>990</b>	<b>1,052</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>6%</b>	<b>1,089</b>	<b>1,092</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0%</b>
18th	Shelby	Criminal	1,749	1,588	-161	-9%	1,755	1,552	-203	-12%
		Felony	833	761	-72	-9%	858	724	-134	-16%
		Other	916	827	-89	-10%	897	828	-69	-8%
		Civil	2,446	2,225	-221	-9%	2,323	2,027	-296	-13%
		Domestic	1,767	1,753	-14	-1%	1,592	1,536	-56	-4%
		Original	1,163	1,124	-39	-3%	1,053	1,047	-6	-1%
		Modification	604	629	25	4%	539	489	-50	-9%
		Juvenile	0	6	6	600%	0	6	6	600%
		<b>Total</b>	<b>5,962</b>	<b>5,572</b>	<b>-390</b>	<b>-7%</b>	<b>5,670</b>	<b>5,121</b>	<b>-549</b>	<b>-10%</b>
19th	Autauga	Criminal	456	456	0	0%	501	517	16	3%
		Felony	325	353	28	9%	348	395	47	14%
		Other	131	103	-28	-21%	153	122	-31	-20%
		Civil	506	505	-1	0%	511	563	52	10%
		Domestic	569	657	88	15%	519	708	189	36%
		Original	355	435	80	23%	304	471	167	55%
		Modification	214	222	8	4%	215	237	22	10%
		Juvenile	3	0	-3	-100%	3	0	-3	-100%
		<b>Total</b>	<b>1,534</b>	<b>1,618</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>5%</b>	<b>1,534</b>	<b>1,789</b>	<b>255</b>	<b>17%</b>
	Chilton	Criminal	470	463	-7	-1%	599	469	-130	-22%
		Felony	386	338	-48	-12%	458	368	-90	-20%
		Other	84	125	41	49%	141	101	-40	-28%
		Civil	362	353	-9	-2%	393	344	-49	-12%
		Domestic	593	640	47	8%	476	693	217	46%
		Original	373	408	35	9%	317	430	113	36%
		Modification	220	232	12	5%	159	263	104	65%
		<b>Total</b>	<b>1,425</b>	<b>1,456</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>2%</b>	<b>1,468</b>	<b>1,506</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>3%</b>
	Elmore	Criminal	808	714	-94	-12%	857	750	-107	-12%
		Felony	571	528	-43	-8%	603	554	-49	-8%
		Other	237	186	-51	-22%	254	196	-58	-23%
		Civil	761	761	0	0%	755	796	41	5%
		Domestic	980	819	-161	-16%	909	933	24	3%
		Original	660	544	-116	-18%	609	624	15	2%
		Modification	320	275	-45	-14%	300	309	9	3%
		Juvenile	25	5	-20	-80%	28	7	-21	-75%
		<b>Total</b>	<b>2,574</b>	<b>2,299</b>	<b>-275</b>	<b>-11%</b>	<b>2,549</b>	<b>2,486</b>	<b>-63</b>	<b>-2%</b>

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			2010	2011	# +/-	%	2010	2011	# +/-	%
19th (Cont.)	19th Circuit Totals	Criminal	1,734	1,633	-101	-6%	1,957	1,736	-221	-11%
		Felony	1,282	1,219	-63	-5%	1,409	1,317	-92	-7%
		Other	452	414	-38	-8%	548	419	-129	-24%
		Civil	1,629	1,619	-10	-1%	1,659	1,703	44	3%
		Domestic	2,142	2,116	-26	-1%	1,904	2,334	430	23%
		Original	1,388	1,387	-1	0%	1,230	1,525	295	24%
		Modification	754	729	-25	-3%	674	809	135	20%
		Juvenile	28	5	-23	-82%	31	8	-23	-74%
		Total	5,533	5,373	-160	-3%	5,551	5,781	230	4%
20th	Henry	Criminal	512	384	-128	-25%	591	497	-94	-16%
		Felony	230	190	-40	-17%	309	243	-66	-21%
		Other	282	194	-88	-31%	282	254	-28	-10%
		Civil	152	134	-18	-12%	155	163	8	5%
		Domestic	174	150	-24	-14%	160	161	1	1%
		Original	132	99	-33	-25%	124	106	-18	-15%
		Modification	42	51	9	21%	36	55	19	53%
		Juvenile	3	0	-3	-100%	2	0	-2	-100%
		Total	841	668	-173	-21%	908	822	-86	-9%
	Houston	Criminal	2,297	2,350	53	2%	2,973	2,746	-227	-8%
		Felony	1,646	1,470	-176	-11%	2,209	1,712	-497	-22%
		Other	651	880	229	35%	764	1,034	270	35%
		Civil	1,108	1,024	-84	-8%	1,311	1,385	74	6%
		Domestic	1,480	1,526	46	3%	1,415	1,405	-10	-1%
		Original	1,017	1,125	108	11%	929	1,013	84	9%
		Modification	463	401	-62	-13%	486	392	-94	-19%
		Juvenile	1,495	1,131	-364	-24%	1,534	1,206	-328	-21%
		Child Support	1,110	1,050	-60	-5%	897	1,081	184	21%
		Total	7,490	7,081	-409	-5%	8,130	7,823	-307	-4%
	20th Circuit Totals	Criminal	2,809	2,734	-75	-3%	3,564	3,243	-321	-9%
		Felony	1,876	1,660	-216	-12%	2,518	1,955	-563	-22%
		Other	933	1,074	141	15%	1,046	1,288	242	23%
		Civil	1,260	1,158	-102	-8%	1,466	1,548	82	6%
		Domestic	1,654	1,676	22	1%	1,575	1,566	-9	-1%
		Original	1,149	1,224	75	7%	1,053	1,119	66	6%
		Modification	505	452	-53	-10%	522	447	-75	-14%
		Juvenile	1,498	1,131	-367	-24%	1,536	1,207	-329	-21%
		Child Support	1,110	1,050	-60	-5%	897	1,081	184	21%
		Total	8,331	7,749	-582	-7%	9,038	8,645	-393	-4%
21st	Escambia	Criminal	970	825	-145	-15%	861	884	23	3%
		Felony	719	582	-137	-19%	620	628	8	1%
		Other	251	243	-8	-3%	241	256	15	6%
		Civil	390	320	-70	-18%	419	350	-69	-16%
		Domestic	385	377	-8	-2%	359	327	-32	-9%
		Original	243	261	18	7%	228	235	7	3%
		Modification	142	116	-26	-18%	131	92	-39	-30%
		Total	1,745	1,522	-223	-13%	1,639	1,561	-78	-5%
22nd	Covington	Criminal	691	799	108	16%	693	859	166	24%
		Felony	278	384	106	38%	314	411	97	31%
		Other	413	415	2	0%	379	448	69	18%
		Civil	281	268	-13	-5%	291	287	-4	-1%
		Domestic	631	594	-37	-6%	626	583	-43	-7%
		Original	433	374	-59	-14%	423	381	-42	-10%
		Modification	198	220	22	11%	203	202	-1	0%
		Total	1,603	1,661	58	4%	1,610	1,729	119	7%



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			2010	2011	# +/-	%	2010	2011	# +/-	%
23rd	Madison	Criminal	9,765	8,237	-1,528	-16%	10,277	9,505	-772	-8%
		Felony	4,201	3,071	-1,130	-27%	4,534	3,869	-665	-15%
		Other	5,564	5,166	-398	-7%	5,743	5,636	-107	-2%
		Civil	3,497	3,030	-467	-13%	3,136	3,256	120	4%
		Domestic	2,992	2,962	-30	-1%	2,853	2,926	73	3%
		Original	2,345	2,323	-22	-1%	2,238	2,299	61	3%
		Modification	647	639	-8	-1%	615	627	12	2%
		Juvenile	0	1	1	100%	0	1	1	100%
		Total	16,254	14,230	-2,024	-12%	16,266	15,688	-578	-4%
24th	Fayette	Criminal	461	378	-83	-18%	645	426	-219	-34%
		Felony	221	171	-50	-23%	276	217	-59	-21%
		Other	240	207	-33	-14%	369	209	-160	-43%
		Civil	119	109	-10	-8%	97	119	22	23%
		Domestic	301	226	-75	-25%	264	245	-19	-7%
		Original	212	147	-65	-31%	192	147	-45	-23%
		Modification	89	79	-10	-11%	72	98	26	36%
		Juvenile	4	2	-2	-50%	4	2	-2	-50%
		Total	885	715	-170	-19%	1,010	792	-218	-22%
	Lamar	Criminal	314	396	82	26%	456	358	-98	-21%
		Felony	163	194	31	19%	265	215	-50	-19%
		Other	151	202	51	34%	191	143	-48	-25%
		Civil	139	105	-34	-24%	146	134	-12	-8%
		Domestic	189	169	-20	-11%	183	152	-31	-17%
		Original	106	92	-14	-13%	108	82	-26	-24%
		Modification	83	77	-6	-7%	75	70	-5	-7%
		Total	642	670	28	4%	785	644	-141	-18%
	Pickens	Criminal	274	272	-2	-1%	422	422	0	0%
		Felony	178	176	-2	-1%	231	191	-40	-17%
		Other	96	96	0	0%	191	231	40	21%
		Civil	124	108	-16	-13%	118	108	-10	-8%
		Domestic	200	195	-5	-3%	189	214	25	13%
		Original	143	11	-32	-22%	136	130	-6	-4%
		Modification	57	84	27	47%	53	84	31	58%
		Juvenile	0	2	2	200%	0	0	0	0%
		Total	598	577	-21	-4%	729	744	15	2%
	24th Circuit Totals	Criminal	1,049	1,046	-3	0%	1,523	1,206	-317	-21%
		Felony	562	541	-21	-4%	772	623	-149	-19%
		Other	487	505	18	4%	751	583	-168	-22%
		Civil	382	322	-60	-16%	361	361	0	0%
		Domestic	690	590	-100	-14%	636	611	-25	-4%
		Original	461	350	-111	-24%	436	359	-77	-18%
		Modification	229	240	11	5%	200	252	52	26%
		Juvenile	4	4	0	0%	4	2	-2	-50%
		Total	2,125	1,962	-163	-8%	2,524	2,180	-344	-14%
25th	Marion	Criminal	716	736	20	3%	670	687	17	3%
		Felony	439	403	-36	-8%	392	376	-16	-4%
		Other	277	333	56	20%	278	311	33	12%
		Civil	297	301	4	1%	257	327	70	27%
		Domestic	1,236	1,601	365	30%	444	520	76	17%
		Original	1,028	1,354	326	32%	277	306	29	10%
		Modification	208	247	39	19%	167	214	47	28%
		Juvenile	0	4	4	400%	0	3	3	300%
		Total	2,249	2,642	393	17%	1,371	1,537	166	12%

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			2010	2011	# +/-	%	2010	2011	# +/-	%
25th (cont.)	Winston	Criminal	371	207	-164	-44%	299	311	12	4%
		Felony	351	179	-172	-49%	273	284	11	4%
		Other	20	28	8	40%	26	27	1	4%
		Civil	202	165	-37	-18%	213	163	-50	-23%
		Domestic	233	232	-1	0%	216	218	2	1%
		Original	201	201	0	0%	192	185	-7	-4%
		Modification	32	31	-1	-3%	24	33	9	38%
		Total	806	604	-202	-25%	728	692	-36	-5%
	25th Circuit Totals	Criminal	1,087	943	-144	-13%	969	998	29	3%
		Felony	790	582	-208	-26%	665	660	-5	-1%
		Other	297	361	64	22%	304	338	34	11%
		Civil	499	466	-33	-7%	470	490	20	4%
		Domestic	1,469	1,833	364	25%	660	738	78	12%
		Original	1,229	1,555	326	27%	469	491	22	5%
		Modification	240	278	38	16%	191	247	56	29%
		Juvenile	0	4	4	400%	0	3	3	300%
		Total	3,055	3,246	191	6%	2,099	2,229	130	6%
26th	Russell	Criminal	1,872	1,292	-580	-31%	1,595	1,720	125	8%
		Felony	827	709	-118	-14%	689	862	173	25%
		Other	1,045	583	-462	-44%	906	858	-48	-5%
		Civil	546	458	-88	-16%	511	428	-83	-16%
		Domestic	666	684	18	3%	645	694	49	8%
		Original	471	528	57	12%	463	507	44	10%
		Modification	195	156	-39	-20%	182	187	5	3%
		Total	3,084	2,434	-650	-21%	2,751	2,842	91	3%
27th	Marshall	Criminal	1,548	1,105	-443	-29%	1,795	1,477	-318	-18%
		Felony	1,017	671	-346	-34%	1,121	894	-227	-20%
		Other	531	434	-97	-18%	674	583	-91	-14%
		Civil	778	732	-46	-6%	856	660	-196	-23%
		Domestic	1,371	1,249	-122	-9%	1,517	1,212	-305	-20%
		Original	1,200	1,081	-119	-10%	1,329	1,035	-294	-22%
		Modification	171	168	-3	-2%	188	177	-11	-6%
		Total	3,697	3,086	-611	-17%	4,168	3,349	-819	-20%
28th	Baldwin	Criminal	3,970	3,248	-722	-18%	4,457	4,194	-263	-6%
		Felony	1,378	1,293	-85	-6%	1,828	1,617	-211	-12%
		Other	2,592	1,955	-637	-25%	2,629	2,577	-52	-2%
		Civil	2,334	2,041	-293	-13%	2,489	2,411	-78	-3%
		Domestic	2,434	2,631	197	8%	2,386	2,316	-70	-3%
		Original	1,863	1,880	17	1%	1,838	1,670	-168	-9%
		Modification	571	751	180	32%	548	646	98	18%
		Juvenile	1,735	1,789	54	3%	1,723	1,834	111	6%
		Child Support	945	833	-112	-12%	983	890	-93	-9%
		Total	11,418	10,542	-876	-8%	12,038	11,645	-393	-3%
29th	Talladega	Criminal	1,046	843	-203	-19%	1,122	917	-205	-18%
		Felony	643	550	-93	-14%	729	584	-145	-20%
		Other	403	293	-110	-27%	393	333	-60	-15%
		Civil	862	759	-103	-12%	841	897	56	7%
		Domestic	800	905	105	13%	830	914	84	10%
		Original	554	629	75	14%	531	626	95	18%
		Modification	246	276	30	12%	299	288	-11	-4%
		Total	2,708	2,507	-201	-7%	2,793	2,728	-65	-2%

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			2010	2011	# +/-	%	2010	2011	# +/-	%
30th	St. Clair—Asheville	Criminal	399	353	-46	-12%	363	363	0	0%
		Felony	283	273	-10	-4%	267	279	12	4%
		Other	116	80	-36	-31%	96	84	-12	-13%
		Civil	373	340	-33	-9%	377	357	-20	-5%
		Domestic	235	259	24	10%	217	237	20	9%
		Original	174	189	15	9%	153	180	27	18%
		Modification	61	70	9	15%	64	57	-7	-11%
		<b>Total</b>	<b>1,007</b>	<b>952</b>	<b>-55</b>	<b>-5%</b>	<b>957</b>	<b>957</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0%</b>
	St. Clair—Pell City	Criminal	801	816	15	2%	934	775	-159	-17%
		Felony	489	509	20	4%	639	572	-67	-10%
		Other	312	307	-5	-2%	295	203	-92	-31%
		Civil	660	615	-45	-7%	647	625	-22	-3%
		Domestic	607	607	0	0%	522	579	57	11%
		Original	454	454	0	0%	397	449	52	13%
		Modification	153	153	0	0%	125	130	5	4%
		<b>Total</b>	<b>2,068</b>	<b>2,038</b>	<b>-30</b>	<b>-1%</b>	<b>2,103</b>	<b>1,979</b>	<b>124</b>	<b>-6%</b>
	30th Circuit Totals	Criminal	1,200	1,169	-31	-3%	1,297	1,138	-159	-12%
		Felony	772	782	10	1%	906	851	-55	-6%
		Other	428	387	-41	-10%	391	287	-104	-27%
		Civil	1,033	955	-78	-8%	1,024	982	-42	-4%
		Domestic	842	866	24	3%	739	816	77	10%
		Original	628	643	15	2%	550	629	79	14%
		Modification	214	223	9	4%	189	187	-2	-1%
		<b>Total</b>	<b>3,075</b>	<b>2,990</b>	<b>-85</b>	<b>-3%</b>	<b>3,060</b>	<b>2,936</b>	<b>-124</b>	<b>-4%</b>
31st	Colbert	Criminal	631	636	5	1%	686	606	-80	-12%
		Felony	490	465	-25	-5%	487	436	-51	-10%
		Other	141	171	30	21%	199	170	-29	-15%
		Civil	488	495	7	1%	478	419	-59	-12%
		Domestic	906	927	21	2%	961	897	-64	-7%
		Original	614	628	14	2%	649	575	-74	-11%
		Modification	292	299	7	2%	312	322	10	3%
		<b>Total</b>	<b>2,025</b>	<b>2,058</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>2%</b>	<b>2,125</b>	<b>1,922</b>	<b>-203</b>	<b>-10%</b>
32nd	Cullman	Criminal	792	750	-42	-5%	908	610	-298	-33%
		Felony	540	505	-35	-6%	520	449	-71	-14%
		Other	252	245	-7	-3%	388	161	-227	-59%
		Civil	654	592	-62	-9%	662	552	-110	-17%
		Domestic	1,392	1,577	185	13%	1,336	1,424	88	7%
		Original	884	1,065	181	20%	866	965	99	11%
		Modification	508	512	4	1%	470	459	-11	-2%
		<b>Total</b>	<b>2,838</b>	<b>2,919</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>3%</b>	<b>2,906</b>	<b>2,586</b>	<b>-320</b>	<b>-11%</b>
33rd	Dale	Criminal	741	693	-48	-6%	871	810	-61	-7%
		Felony	474	460	-14	-3%	620	596	-24	-4%
		Other	267	233	-34	-13%	251	214	-37	-15%
		Civil	377	321	-56	-15%	343	357	14	4%
		Domestic	1,177	1,138	-39	-3%	1,093	1,137	44	4%
		Original	869	932	63	7%	827	837	10	1%
		Modification	308	306	-2	-1%	266	300	34	13%
		<b>Total</b>	<b>2,295</b>	<b>2,152</b>	<b>-143</b>	<b>-6%</b>	<b>2,307</b>	<b>2,304</b>	<b>-3</b>	<b>0%</b>
	Geneva	Criminal	514	470	-44	-9%	509	565	56	11%
		Felony	364	333	-31	-9%	410	412	2	0%
		Other	150	137	-13	-9%	99	153	54	55%
		Civil	215	168	-47	-22%	220	189	-31	-14%
		Domestic	484	479	-5	-1%	503	432	-71	-14%
		Original	312	311	-1	0%	298	270	-28	-9%
		Modification	172	168	-4	-2%	205	162	-43	-21%
		<b>Total</b>	<b>1,213</b>	<b>1,117</b>	<b>-96</b>	<b>-8%</b>	<b>1,232</b>	<b>1,186</b>	<b>-46</b>	<b>-4%</b>

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			2010	2011	# +/-	%	2010	2011	# +/-	%
33rd (cont.)	33rd Circuit Totals	Criminal	1,255	1,163	-92	-7%	1,380	1,375	-5	0%
		Felony	838	793	-45	-5%	1,030	1,008	-22	-2%
		Other	417	370	-47	-11%	350	367	17	5%
		Civil	592	489	-103	-17%	563	546	-17	-3%
		Domestic	1,661	1,617	-44	-3%	1,596	1,569	-27	-2%
		Original	1,181	1,143	-38	-3%	1,125	1,107	-18	-2%
		Modification	480	474	-6	-1%	471	462	-9	-2%
		Total	3,508	3,269	-239	-7%	3,539	3,490	-49	-1%
34th	Franklin	Criminal	591	526	-65	-11%	671	494	-177	-26%
		Felony	376	351	-25	-7%	457	320	-137	-30%
		Other	215	175	-40	-19%	214	174	-40	-19%
		Civil	315	323	8	3%	309	297	-12	-4%
		Domestic	416	495	79	19%	399	446	47	12%
		Original	255	337	82	32%	241	292	51	21%
		Modification	161	158	-3	-2%	158	154	-4	-3%
		Total	1,322	1,344	22	2%	1,379	1,237	-142	-10%
35th	Conecuh	Criminal	182	180	-2	-1%	147	226	79	54%
		Felony	121	114	-7	-6%	96	162	66	69%
		Other	61	66	5	8%	51	64	13	25%
		Civil	150	123	-27	-18%	165	125	-40	-24%
		Domestic	132	136	4	3%	131	115	-16	-12%
		Original	89	85	-4	-4%	80	81	1	1%
		Modification	43	51	8	19%	51	34	-17	-33%
		Total	464	439	-25	-5%	443	466	23	5%
	Monroe	Criminal	237	155	-82	-35%	227	220	-7	-3%
		Felony	161	102	-59	-37%	137	165	28	20%
		Other	76	53	-23	-30%	90	55	-35	-39%
		Civil	200	187	-13	-7%	225	186	-39	-17%
		Domestic	257	284	27	11%	224	217	-7	-3%
		Original	139	178	39	28%	120	144	24	20%
		Modification	118	106	-12	-10%	104	73	-31	-30%
		Total	694	626	-68	-10%	676	623	-53	-8%
	35th Circuit Totals	Criminal	419	335	-84	-20%	374	446	72	19%
		Felony	282	16	-66	-23%	233	327	94	40%
		Other	137	119	-18	-13%	141	119	-22	-16%
		Civil	350	310	-40	-11%	390	311	-79	-20%
		Domestic	389	420	31	8%	355	332	-23	-6%
		Original	228	263	35	15%	200	225	25	13%
		Modification	161	157	-4	-2%	155	107	-48	-31%
		Total	1,158	1,065	-93	-8%	1,119	1,089	-30	-3%
36th	Lawrence	Criminal	924	798	-126	-14%	822	832	10	1%
		Felony	459	351	-108	-24%	402	404	2	0%
		Other	465	447	-18	-4%	420	428	8	2%
		Civil	240	226	-14	-6%	267	173	-94	-35%
		Domestic	423	437	14	3%	417	391	-26	-6%
		Original	258	293	35	14%	266	248	-18	-7%
		Modification	165	144	-21	-13%	151	143	-8	-5%
		Juvenile	0	2	2	200%	0	0	0	0%
		Total	1,587	1,463	-124	-8%	1,506	1,396	-110	-7%

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			2010	2011	# +/-	%	2010	2011	# +/-	%
37th	Lee	Criminal	1,598	1,557	-41	-3%	1,581	1,596	15	1%
		Felony	968	885	-83	-9%	943	908	-35	-4%
		Other	630	672	42	7%	638	688	50	8%
		Civil	1,189	1,157	-32	-3%	1,154	1,295	141	12%
		Domestic	966	982	16	2%	1,078	985	-93	-9%
		Original	644	693	49	8%	683	695	12	2%
		Modification	322	289	-33	-10%	395	290	-105	-27%
		Juvenile	1,603	1,185	-418	-26%	1,459	1,258	-201	-14%
		Child Support	1,172	1,020	-152	-13%	1,211	1,240	29	2%
		Total	6,528	5,901	-627	-10%	6,483	6,374	-109	-2%
38th	Jackson	Criminal	1,650	1,684	34	2%	1,482	1,736	254	17%
		Felony	720	800	80	11%	680	768	88	13%
		Other	930	884	-46	-5%	802	968	166	21%
		Civil	637	357	-10	-3%	377	354	-23	-6%
		Domestic	793	770	-23	-3%	753	819	66	9%
		Original	491	451	-40	-8%	469	482	13	3%
		Modification	302	319	17	6%	284	337	53	19%
		Juvenile	4	0	-4	-100%	4	0	-4	-100%
		Total	2,814	2,811	-3	0%	2,616	2,909	293	11%
39th	Limestone	Criminal	1,134	967	-167	-15%	1,020	869	-151	-15%
		Felony	701	665	-36	-5%	595	515	-80	-13%
		Other	433	302	-131	-30%	425	354	-71	-17%
		Civil	606	566	-40	-7%	593	611	18	3%
		Domestic	900	968	68	8%	820	891	71	9%
		Original	657	751	94	14%	600	690	90	15%
		Modification	243	217	-26	-11%	220	201	-19	-9%
		Total	2,640	2,501	-139	-5%	2,433	2,371	-62	-3%
40th	Clay	Criminal	335	292	-43	-13%	286	342	56	20%
		Felony	195	128	-67	-34%	148	186	38	26%
		Other	140	164	24	17%	138	156	18	13%
		Civil	95	82	-13	-14%	103	118	15	15%
		Domestic	171	187	16	9%	147	179	32	22%
		Original	84	109	25	30%	77	94	17	22%
		Modification	87	78	-9	-10%	70	85	15	21%
		Total	601	561	-40	7%	536	639	103	19%
	Coosa	Criminal	282	234	-48	-17%	277	232	-45	-16%
		Felony	140	135	-5	-4%	144	118	-26	-18%
		Other	142	99	-43	-30%	133	114	-19	-14%
		Civil	75	66	-9	-12%	75	118	43	57%
		Domestic	63	44	-19	-30%	58	40	-18	-31%
		Original	47	30	-17	-36%	44	28	-16	-36%
		Modification	16	14	-2	-13%	14	12	-2	-14%
		Total	420	344	-76	-18%	410	390	-20	-5%
	40th Circuit Totals	Criminal	617	526	-91	-15%	563	574	11	2%
		Felony	335	263	-72	-21%	292	304	12	4%
		Other	282	263	-19	-7%	271	270	-1	0%
		Civil	170	148	-22	-13%	178	236	58	33%
		Domestic	234	231	-3	-1%	205	219	14	7%
		Original	131	139	8	6%	121	22	1	1%
		Modification	103	92	-11	-11%	84	97	13	15%
		Total	1,021	905	-116	-11%	946	1,029	83	9%



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Circuit	County	Jurisdiction	Cases Filed		Change 2010-2011		Cases Disposed		Change 2010-2011	
			2010	2011	# +/-	%	2010	2011	# +/-	%
41st	Blount	Criminal	620	680	60	10%	698	485	-213	-31%
		Felony	332	482	150	45%	389	292	-97	-25%
		Other	288	198	-90	-31%	309	193	-116	-38%
		Civil	539	475	-64	-12%	480	442	-38	-8%
		Domestic	495	522	27	5%	419	498	79	19%
		Original	336	346	10	3%	320	332	12	4%
		Modification	159	176	17	11%	99	166	67	68%
		Juvenile	6	0	-6	-100%	4	0	-4	-100%
		Total	1,660	1,677	17	1%	1,601	1,425	-176	-11%
STATEWIDE CIRCUIT COURT TOTALS										
Circuit	County	Jurisdiction	Cases Filed		Change 2010-2011		Cases Disposed		Change 2010-2011	
			2010	2011	# +/-	%	2010	2011	# +/-	%
Statewide		Criminal	80,953	75,851	-5,102	-6%	85,024	80,913	-4,111	-5%
		Felony	44,441	41,626	-2,815	-6%	47,127	44,926	-2,201	-5%
		Other	36,512	34,225	-2,287	-6%	37,897	35,987	-1,910	-5%
		Civil	51,723	46,642	-5,081	-10%	51,266	49,159	-2,107	-4%
		Domestic	52,742	55,050	2,308	4%	50,427	51,227	800	2%
		Original	37,547	39,653	2,106	6%	35,701	36,600	899	2%
		Modification	15,195	15,397	202	1%	14,726	14,627	-99	-1%
		Juvenile	21,457	19,885	-1,572	-7%	21,437	19,375	-2,062	-10%
		Child Support	18,733	17,567	-1,166	-6%	16,799	17,044	245	1%
		Total	225,608	214,995	-10,613	-5%	224,953	217,718	-7,235	-3%

# DISTRICT COURT CASELOAD STATISTICS, FY 2010 & 2011

County	Jurisdiction	Cases Filed		Change 2010-2011		Cases Disposed		Change 2010-2011	
		2010	2011	# +/-	%	2010	2011	# +/-	%
Autauga	Traffic	10,487	7,680	-2,807	-27%	10,582	8,651	-1,931	-18%
	Criminal	1,222	1,039	-183	-15%	1,237	1,075	-162	-13%
	Small Claims	1,496	1,617	121	8%	1,463	1,506	43	3%
	Civil	467	411	-56	-12%	414	447	33	8%
	Juvenile	458	251	-207	-45%	432	303	-129	-30%
	Child Support	601	656	55	9%	512	670	158	31%
	Total	14,731	11,654	-3,077	-21%	14,640	12,652	-1,988	-14%
Baldwin	Traffic	29,332	25,291	-4,041	-14%	31,587	25,937	-5,650	-18%
	Criminal	5,703	6,076	373	7%	5,862	5,934	72	1%
	Small Claims	3,881	3,283	-598	-15%	3,210	2,902	-308	-10%
	Civil	2,136	1,892	-244	-11%	1,788	1,711	-77	-4%
	Total	41,052	36,542	-4,510	-11%	42,447	36,484	-5,963	-14%
Barbour—Clayton	Traffic	200	191	-9	-5%	261	180	-81	-31%
	Criminal	489	388	-101	-21%	470	464	-6	-1%
	Small Claims	143	128	-15	-10%	140	185	45	32%
	Civil	42	29	-13	-31%	39	57	18	46%
	Juvenile	82	97	15	18%	89	93	4	4%
	Child Support	670	723	53	8%	608	1,089	481	79%
	Total	1,626	1,556	-70	-4%	1,607	2,068	461	29%
Barbour—Eufaula	Traffic	3,319	3,212	-107	-3%	3,492	3,118	-374	-11%
	Criminal	671	538	-133	-20%	679	520	-159	-23%
	Small Claims	780	713	-67	-9%	719	1,003	284	39%
	Civil	110	82	-28	-25%	111	147	36	32%
	Juvenile	155	159	4	3%	145	183	38	26%
	Child Support	0	1	1	100%	0	1	1	100%
	Total	5,035	4,705	-330	-7%	5,146	4,972	-174	-3%
Barbour	Traffic	3,519	3,403	-116	-3%	3,753	3,298	-455	-12%
	Criminal	1,160	926	-234	-20%	1,149	984	-165	-14%
	Small Claims	923	841	-82	-9%	859	1,188	329	38%
	Civil	152	111	-41	-27%	150	204	54	36%
	Juvenile	237	256	19	8%	234	276	42	18%
	Child Support	670	724	54	8%	608	1,090	482	79%
	Total	6,661	6,261	-400	-6%	6,753	7,040	287	4%
Bibb	Traffic	5,452	3,622	-1,830	-34%	5,347	3,782	-1,565	-29%
	Criminal	837	912	75	9%	809	981	172	21%
	Small Claims	273	197	-76	-28%	251	215	-36	-14%
	Civil	145	136	-9	-6%	131	140	9	7%
	Juvenile	540	564	24	4%	565	466	-99	-18%
	Child Support	250	330	80	32%	259	321	62	24%
	Total	7,497	5,761	-1,736	-23%	7,362	5,905	-1,457	-20%
Blount	Traffic	7,847	6,282	-1,565	-20%	7,316	6,544	-772	-11%
	Criminal	2,121	1,530	-591	-28%	2,035	1,529	-506	-25%
	Small Claims	645	441	-204	-32%	674	446	-228	-34%
	Civil	278	253	-25	-9%	249	268	19	8%
	Juvenile	412	491	79	19%	425	423	-2	0%
	Child Support	179	208	29	16%	120	230	110	92%
	Total	11,482	9,205	-2,277	-20%	10,819	9,440	-1,379	-13%

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County	Jurisdiction	Cases Filed		Change 2010-2011		Cases Disposed		Change 2010-2011	
		2010	2011	# +/-	%	2010	2011	# +/-	%
Bullock	Traffic	2,876	3,432	556	19%	3,094	3,283	189	6%
	Criminal	498	430	-68	-14%	531	427	-104	-20%
	Small Claims	152	323	171	113%	203	365	162	80%
	Civil	79	99	20	25%	133	126	-7	-5%
	Juvenile	53	38	-15	-28%	38	31	-7	-18%
	Child Support	352	355	3	1%	207	285	78	38%
	Total	4,010	4,677	667	17%	4,206	4,517	311	7%
Butler	Traffic	13,897	13,122	-775	-6%	13,907	13,611	-296	-2%
	Criminal	1,570	1,560	-10	-1%	1,757	1,551	-206	-12%
	Small Claims	949	918	-31	-3%	1,127	797	-330	-29%
	Civil	182	125	-57	-31%	186	128	-58	-31%
	Juvenile	167	113	-54	-32%	211	118	-93	-44%
	Child Support	311	289	-22	-7%	383	315	-68	-18%
	Total	17,076	16,127	-949	-6%	17,571	16,520	-1,051	-6%
Calhoun	Traffic	23,148	16,203	-6,945	-30%	22,373	17,408	-4,965	-22%
	Criminal	6,359	5,749	-610	-10%	6,416	5,803	-613	-10%
	Small Claims	2,260	1,769	-491	-22%	2,484	1,716	-768	-31%
	Civil	1,243	1,117	-126	-10%	1,225	1,074	-151	-12%
	Total	33,010	24,838	-8,172	-25%	32,498	26,001	-6,497	-20%
Chambers	Traffic	8,342	8,862	520	6%	8,324	8,695	371	4%
	Criminal	2,901	2,848	-53	-2%	2,889	2,876	-13	0%
	Small Claims	1,334	1,176	-158	-12%	1,255	1,279	24	2%
	Civil	265	271	6	2%	323	279	-44	-14%
	Juvenile	372	409	37	10%	447	388	-59	-13%
	Child Support	320	419	99	31%	378	347	-31	-8%
	Total	13,534	13,985	451	3%	13,616	13,864	248	2%
Cherokee	Traffic	2,917	2,037	-880	-30%	3,192	1,960	-1,232	-39%
	Criminal	1,419	1,674	255	18%	1,382	1,658	276	20%
	Small Claims	526	383	-143	-27%	496	434	-62	-13%
	Civil	139	129	-10	-7%	129	136	7	5%
	Juvenile	527	259	-268	-51%	515	259	-256	-50%
	Child Support	250	230	-20	-8%	267	230	-37	-14%
	Total	5,778	4,712	-1,066	-18%	5,981	4,677	-1,304	-22%
Chilton	Traffic	8,090	7,694	-396	-5%	7,988	8,046	58	1%
	Criminal	2,353	2,379	26	1%	2,394	2,271	-123	-5%
	Small Claims	1,145	969	-176	-15%	1,115	1,034	-81	-7%
	Civil	343	281	-62	-18%	319	311	-8	-3%
	Juvenile	366	279	-87	-24%	348	255	-93	-27%
	Child Support	354	358	4	1%	343	349	6	2%
	Total	12,651	11,960	-691	-5%	12,507	12,266	-241	-2%
Choctaw	Traffic	3,346	2,782	-564	-17%	2,530	2,209	-321	-13%
	Criminal	636	605	-31	-5%	612	553	-59	-10%
	Small Claims	344	299	-45	-13%	286	258	-28	-10%
	Civil	93	64	-29	-31%	82	66	-16	-20%
	Juvenile	52	62	10	19%	53	46	-7	-13%
	Child Support	104	116	12	12%	86	125	39	45%
	Total	4,575	3,928	-647	-14%	3,649	3,257	-392	-11%

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County	Jurisdiction	Cases Filed		Change 2010-2011		Cases Disposed		Change 2010-2011	
		2010	2011	# +/-	%	2010	2011	# +/-	%
Clarke	Traffic	2,685	2,084	-601	-22%	2,841	1,800	-1,041	-37%
	Criminal	1,456	1,485	29	2%	1,518	1,427	-91	-6%
	Small Claims	975	898	-77	-8%	769	1,678	909	118%
	Civil	190	159	-31	-16%	206	156	-50	-24%
	Juvenile	187	171	-16	-9%	193	162	-31	-16%
	Child Support	589	473	-116	-20%	604	466	-138	-23%
	Total	6,082	5,270	-812	-13%	6,131	5,689	-442	-7%
Clay	Traffic	1,143	783	-360	-31%	1,037	932	-105	-10%
	Criminal	532	302	-230	-43%	497	350	-147	-30%
	Small Claims	256	179	-77	-30%	276	174	-102	-37%
	Civil	98	83	-15	-15%	87	86	-1	-1%
	Juvenile	158	130	-28	-18%	166	118	-48	-29%
	Child Support	196	169	-27	-14%	203	159	-44	-22%
	Total	2,383	1,646	-737	-31%	2,266	1,819	-447	-20%
Clebume	Traffic	14,017	10,280	-3,737	-27%	12,388	11,680	-708	-6%
	Criminal	749	858	109	15%	825	800	-25	-3%
	Small Claims	202	156	-46	-23%	194	173	-21	-11%
	Civil	113	73	-40	-35%	114	88	-26	-23%
	Juvenile	173	128	-45	-26%	174	148	-26	-15%
	Child Support	90	122	32	36%	68	118	50	74%
	Total	15,344	11,617	-3,727	-24%	13,763	13,007	-756	-5%
Coffee—Elba	Traffic	2,248	1,832	-416	-19%	2,499	1,850	-649	-26%
	Criminal	498	387	-111	-22%	674	419	-255	-38%
	Small Claims	433	249	-184	-42%	511	323	-188	-37%
	Civil	91	68	-23	-25%	92	80	-12	-13%
	Juvenile	73	99	26	36%	89	100	11	12%
	Child Support	112	110	-2	-2%	153	114	-39	-25%
	Total	3,455	2,745	-710	-21%	4,018	2,886	-1,132	-28%
Coffee—Enterprise	Traffic	4,195	2,551	-1,644	-39%	4,457	2,939	-1,518	-34%
	Criminal	1,203	924	-279	-23%	1,284	1,056	-228	-18%
	Small Claims	1,587	1,378	-209	-13%	1,584	1,589	5	0%
	Civil	294	297	3	1%	408	335	-73	-18%
	Juvenile	416	229	-187	-45%	369	242	-127	-34%
	Child Support	308	330	22	7%	380	312	-68	-18%
	Total	8,003	5,709	-2,294	-29%	8,482	6,473	-2,009	-24%
Coffee	Traffic	6,443	4,383	-2,060	-32%	6,956	4,789	-2,167	-31%
	Criminal	1,701	1,311	-390	-23%	1,958	1,475	-483	-25%
	Small Claims	2,020	1,627	-393	-19%	2,095	1,912	-183	-9%
	Civil	385	365	-20	-5%	500	415	-85	-17%
	Juvenile	489	328	-161	-33%	458	342	-116	-25%
	Child Support	420	440	20	5%	533	426	-107	-20%
	Total	11,458	8,454	-3,004	-26%	12,500	9,359	-3,141	-25%
Colbert	Traffic	8,469	4,641	-3,828	-45%	7,978	6,049	-1,929	-24%
	Criminal	1,166	1,170	4	0%	1,368	1,199	-169	-12%
	Small Claims	1,161	1,185	24	2%	1,027	1,351	324	32%
	Civil	381	424	43	11%	358	507	149	42%
	Juvenile	483	548	65	13%	466	492	26	6%
	Child Support	344	375	31	9%	327	468	141	43%
	Total	12,004	8,343	-3,661	-30%	11,524	10,066	-1,458	-13%

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County	Jurisdiction	Cases Filed		Change 2010-2011		Cases Disposed		Change 2010-2011	
		2010	2011	# +/-	%	2010	2011	# +/-	%
Conecuh	Traffic	6,115	5,964	-151	-2%	6,195	6,099	-96	-2%
	Criminal	606	491	-115	-19%	564	515	-49	-9%
	Small Claims	486	415	-71	-15%	517	397	-120	-23%
	Civil	74	62	-12	-16%	66	68	2	3%
	Juvenile	156	119	-37	-24%	174	134	-40	-23%
	Child Support	272	291	19	7%	233	240	7	3%
	Total	7,709	7,342	-367	-5%	7,749	7,453	-296	-4%
Coosa	Traffic	4,810	2,593	-2,217	-46%	5,269	2,473	-2,796	-53%
	Criminal	752	673	-79	-11%	821	644	-177	-22%
	Small Claims	190	118	-72	-38%	181	113	-68	-38%
	Civil	69	60	-9	-13%	55	64	9	16%
	Juvenile	141	154	13	9%	164	156	-8	-5%
	Child Support	66	73	7	11%	60	73	13	22%
	Total	6,028	3,671	-2,357	-39%	6,550	3,523	-3,027	-46%
Covington	Traffic	5,666	5,895	229	4%	5,812	5,746	-66	-1%
	Criminal	2,643	2,525	-118	-4%	2,602	2,726	124	5%
	Small Claims	1,156	1,070	-86	-7%	1,077	1,077	0	0%
	Civil	282	259	-23	-8%	254	252	-2	-1%
	Juvenile	399	337	-62	-16%	408	354	-54	-13%
	Child Support	496	474	-22	-4%	540	449	-91	-17%
	Total	10,642	10,560	-82	-1%	10,693	10,604	-89	-1%
Crenshaw	Traffic	6,234	6,496	262	4%	6,079	5,922	-157	-3%
	Criminal	792	687	-105	-13%	815	702	-113	-14%
	Small Claims	345	299	-46	-13%	365	277	-88	-24%
	Civil	114	111	-3	-3%	110	112	2	2%
	Juvenile	214	165	-49	-23%	179	189	10	6%
	Child Support	192	172	-20	-10%	159	164	5	3%
	Total	7,891	7,930	39	0%	7,707	7,366	-341	-4%
Cullman	Traffic	17,676	16,086	-1,590	-9%	18,042	15,788	-2,254	-12%
	Criminal	3,409	3,506	97	3%	3,847	3,205	-642	-17%
	Small Claims	1,491	1,171	-320	-21%	1,456	1,216	-240	-16%
	Civil	666	582	-84	-13%	724	601	-123	-17%
	Juvenile	1,008	1,050	42	4%	917	1,007	90	10%
	Child Support	391	268	-123	-31%	385	392	7	2%
	Total	24,641	22,663	-1,978	-8%	25,371	22,209	-3,162	-12%
Dale	Traffic	7,572	5,407	-2,165	-29%	7,732	5,504	-2,228	-29%
	Criminal	1,369	1,280	-89	-6%	1,321	1,318	-3	0%
	Small Claims	1,443	1,191	-252	-17%	1,390	1,281	-109	-8%
	Civil	444	377	-67	-15%	407	427	20	5%
	Juvenile	615	526	-89	-14%	637	572	-65	-10%
	Child Support	732	909	177	24%	596	831	235	39%
	Total	12,167	9,690	-2,477	-20%	12,083	9,933	-2,150	-18%
Dallas	Traffic	8,715	6,626	-2,089	-24%	7,111	5,609	-1,502	-21%
	Criminal	1,758	2,046	288	16%	1,510	1,856	346	23%
	Small Claims	1,182	969	-213	-18%	1,033	896	-137	-13%
	Civil	404	396	-8	-2%	453	359	-94	-21%
	Juvenile	618	618	0	0%	599	565	-34	-6%
	Child Support	1,039	917	-122	-12%	1,135	1,066	-69	-6%
	Total	13,716	11,572	-2,144	-16%	11,841	10,351	-1,490	-13%



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County	Jurisdiction	Cases Filed		Change 2010-2011		Cases Disposed		Change 2010-2011	
		2010	2011	# +/-	%	2010	2011	# +/-	%
DeKalb	Traffic	4,733	4,058	-675	-14%	4,969	4,154	-815	-16%
	Criminal	2,656	1,858	-798	-30%	2,107	1,586	-521	-25%
	Small Claims	1,409	1,303	-106	-8%	1,182	1,318	136	12%
	Civil	435	404	-31	-7%	427	389	-38	-9%
	Juvenile	870	646	-224	-26%	727	505	-222	-31%
	Child Support	296	355	59	20%	288	301	13	5%
	Total	10,399	8,624	-1,775	-17%	9,700	8,253	-1,447	-15%
Elmore	Traffic	12,587	11,950	-637	-5%	12,456	12,548	92	1%
	Criminal	2,371	2,687	316	13%	2,550	2,609	59	2%
	Small Claims	1,562	1,211	-351	-22%	1,739	1,309	-430	-25%
	Civil	638	592	-46	-7%	655	591	-64	-10%
	Juvenile	1,020	760	-260	-25%	948	873	-75	-8%
	Child Support	732	605	-127	-17%	727	603	-124	-17%
	Total	18,910	17,805	-1,105	-6%	19,075	18,533	-542	-3%
Escambia	Traffic	5,991	4,951	-1,040	-17%	6,732	4,947	-1,785	-27%
	Criminal	1,377	2,208	831	60%	1,096	2,404	1,308	119%
	Small Claims	805	770	-35	-4%	640	728	88	14%
	Civil	287	306	19	7%	223	271	48	22%
	Juvenile	418	380	-38	-9%	1,190	399	-791	-66%
	Child Support	437	447	10	2%	500	658	158	32%
	Total	9,315	9,062	-253	-3%	10,381	9,407	-974	-9%
Etowah	Traffic	10,677	10,488	-189	-2%	10,234	10,772	538	5%
	Criminal	2,903	3,093	190	7%	2,888	3,019	131	5%
	Small Claims	3,349	2,580	-769	-23%	3,465	2,941	-524	-15%
	Civil	1,411	1,386	-25	-2%	1,461	1,400	-61	-4%
	Juvenile	930	889	-41	-4%	886	878	-8	-1%
	Child Support	659	616	-43	-7%	571	747	176	31%
	Total	19,929	19,052	-877	-4%	19,505	19,757	252	1%
Fayette	Traffic	2,374	2,217	-157	-7%	2,305	2,292	-13	-1%
	Criminal	725	707	-18	-2%	791	627	-164	-21%
	Small Claims	321	190	-131	-41%	280	259	-21	-8%
	Civil	105	71	-34	-32%	103	89	-14	-14%
	Juvenile	257	198	-59	-23%	244	211	-33	-14%
	Child Support	169	143	-26	-15%	199	191	-8	-4%
	Total	3,951	3,526	-425	-11%	3,922	3,669	-253	-6%
Franklin	Traffic	5,331	5,237	-94	-2%	4,875	5,253	378	8%
	Criminal	1,312	1,215	-97	-7%	1,307	1,198	-109	-8%
	Small Claims	499	459	-40	-8%	484	418	-66	-14%
	Civil	159	143	-16	-10%	151	136	-15	-10%
	Juvenile	502	423	-79	-16%	516	386	-130	-25%
	Child Support	260	197	-63	-24%	240	245	5	2%
	Total	8,063	7,674	-389	-5%	7,573	7,636	63	1%
Geneva	Traffic	5,109	5,783	674	13%	4,719	5,516	797	17%
	Criminal	969	1,064	95	10%	985	1,125	140	14%
	Small Claims	447	302	-145	-32%	669	579	-90	-13%
	Civil	191	162	-29	-15%	263	243	-20	-8%
	Juvenile	495	424	-71	-14%	520	386	-134	-26%
	Child Support	319	347	28	9%	469	309	-160	-34%
	Total	7,530	8,082	552	7%	7,625	8,158	533	7%

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County	Jurisdiction	Cases Filed		Change 2010-2011		Cases Disposed		Change 2010-2011	
		2010	2011	# +/-	%	2010	2011	# +/-	%
Greene	Traffic	4,708	3,367	-1,341	-28%	4,424	3,303	-1,121	-25%
	Criminal	501	346	-155	-31%	535	369	-166	-31%
	Small Claims	144	119	-25	-17%	190	109	-81	-43%
	Civil	55	51	-4	-7%	69	59	-10	-14%
	Juvenile	150	109	-41	-27%	166	79	-87	-52%
	Child Support	328	216	-112	-34%	294	197	-97	-33%
	Total	5,886	4,208	-1,678	-29%	5,678	4,116	-1,562	-28%
Hale	Traffic	4,337	3,327	-1,010	-23%	3,867	3,434	-433	-11%
	Criminal	549	634	85	15%	827	666	-161	-19%
	Small Claims	495	347	-148	-30%	470	318	-152	-32%
	Civil	99	68	-31	-31%	113	67	-46	-41%
	Juvenile	156	141	-15	-10%	178	126	-52	-29%
	Child Support	275	296	21	8%	225	246	21	9%
	Total	5,911	4,813	-1,098	-19%	5,680	4,857	-823	-14%
Henry	Traffic	4,200	3,643	-557	-13%	4,250	3,587	-663	-16%
	Criminal	830	1,006	176	21%	844	969	125	15%
	Small Claims	556	410	-146	-26%	405	468	63	16%
	Civil	126	103	-23	-18%	108	105	-3	-3%
	Juvenile	244	222	-22	-9%	228	235	7	3%
	Child Support	205	219	14	7%	205	206	1	0%
	Total	6,161	5,603	-558	-9%	6,040	5,570	-470	-8%
Houston	Traffic	12,436	9,048	-3,388	-27%	13,068	8,915	-4,153	-32%
	Criminal	3,955	3,579	-376	-10%	4,101	3,370	-731	-18%
	Small Claims	5,452	5,080	-372	-7%	4,912	5,812	900	18%
	Civil	1,511	1,359	-152	-10%	1,332	2,181	849	64%
	Total	23,354	19,066	-4,288	-18%	23,413	20,278	-3,135	-13%
Jackson	Traffic	4,195	6,907	2,712	65%	4,257	6,212	1,955	46%
	Criminal	3,322	3,190	-132	-4%	3,132	3,025	-107	-3%
	Small Claims	1,224	807	-417	-34%	1,354	827	-527	-39%
	Civil	335	293	-42	-13%	326	343	17	5%
	Juvenile	653	522	-131	-20%	698	468	-230	-33%
	Child Support	504	507	3	1%	469	484	15	3%
	Total	10,233	12,226	1,993	19%	10,236	11,359	1,123	11%
Jefferson—Bessemer	Traffic	5,573	3,836	-1,737	-31%	5,582	4,130	-1,452	-26%
	Criminal	4,117	3,830	-287	-7%	3,949	4,221	272	7%
	Small Claims	2,073	1,613	-460	-22%	1,960	1,611	-349	-18%
	Civil	1,337	1,250	-87	-7%	1,414	1,321	-93	-7%
	Juvenile	1,320	1,202	-118	-9%	1,116	1,068	-48	-4%
	Child Support	939	706	-233	-25%	749	753	4	1%
	Total	15,359	12,437	-2,922	-19%	14,770	13,104	-1,666	-11%
Jefferson—Birmingham	Traffic	21,568	19,366	-2,202	-10%	20,970	19,152	-1,818	-9%
	Criminal	15,335	13,982	-1,353	9%	14,576	13,843	-733	-5%
	Small Claims	14,296	11,131	-3,165	-22%	15,092	11,585	-3,507	-23%
	Civil	9,955	9,724	-231	-2%	11,282	9,831	-1,451	-13%
	Juvenile	Jefferson—Birmingham Juvenile and Child Support Cases are included in the Jefferson—Birmingham Circuit Numbers							
	Child Support								
	Total	61,154	54,203	-6,951	-11%	61,920	54,411	-7,509	-12%

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County	Jurisdiction	Cases Filed		Change 2010-2011		Cases Disposed		Change 2010-2011	
		2010	2011	# +/-	%	2010	2011	# +/-	%
Jefferson	Traffic	27,141	23,202	-3,959	-15%	26,552	23,282	-3,270	-12%
	Criminal	19,452	17,812	-1,640	-8%	18,525	18,064	-461	-2%
	Small Claims	16,369	12,744	-3,625	-22%	17,052	13,196	-3,856	-23%
	Civil	11,292	10,974	-318	-3%	12,696	11,152	-1,544	-12%
	Juvenile	1,320	1,202	-118	-9%	1,116	1,068	-48	-4%
	Child Support	939	706	-233	-25%	749	753	4	1%
	Total	76,513	66,640	-9,873	-13%	76,690	67,515	-9,175	-12%
Lamar	Traffic	2,640	2,395	-245	-9%	2,499	2,587	88	4%
	Criminal	974	817	-157	-16%	971	952	-19	-2%
	Small Claims	224	149	-75	-33%	214	172	-42	-20%
	Civil	88	78	-10	-11%	83	78	-5	-6%
	Juvenile	144	106	-38	-26%	142	94	-48	-34%
	Child Support	123	118	-5	-4%	104	106	2	2%
	Total	4,193	3,663	-530	-13%	4,013	3,989	-24	-1%
Lauderdale	Traffic	10,295	9,263	-1,032	-10%	10,181	9,441	-740	-7%
	Criminal	2,341	2,156	-185	-8%	2,398	2,160	-238	-10%
	Small Claims	1,465	1,422	-43	-3%	1,415	1,680	265	19%
	Civil	610	678	68	11%	843	629	-214	-25%
	Total	14,711	13,519	-1,192	-8%	14,837	13,910	-927	-6%
Lawrence	Traffic	7,581	7,221	-360	-5%	7,197	7,665	468	7%
	Criminal	1,268	1,257	-11	-1%	1,297	1,306	9	1%
	Small Claims	492	385	-107	-22%	480	363	-117	-24%
	Civil	191	173	-18	-9%	273	165	-108	-40%
	Juvenile	344	348	4	1%	339	330	-9	-3%
	Child Support	289	221	-68	-24%	302	255	-47	-16%
	Total	10,165	9,605	-560	-6%	9,888	10,084	196	2%
Lee	Traffic	17,972	13,751	-4,221	-23%	17,399	14,951	-2,448	-14%
	Criminal	3,759	2,896	-863	-23%	3,573	2,973	-564	-16%
	Small Claims	2,706	2,454	-252	-9%	3,219	2,528	-691	-21%
	Civil	1,281	1,204	-77	-6%	2,098	1,176	-922	-44%
	Total	25,718	20,305	-5,413	-21%	26,253	21,628	-4,625	-18%
Limestone	Traffic	14,234	10,291	-3,943	-28%	14,211	11,348	-2,863	-20%
	Criminal	3,165	2,803	-362	-11%	3,095	2,921	-174	-6%
	Small Claims	1,080	731	-349	-32%	1,327	750	-577	-43%
	Civil	542	468	-74	-14%	543	448	-95	-17%
	Juvenile	481	379	-102	-21%	467	400	-67	-14%
	Child Support	348	332	-16	-5%	476	357	-119	-25%
	Total	19,850	15,004	-4,846	-24%	20,119	16,224	-3,895	-19%
Lowndes	Traffic	5,467	5,518	51	1%	5,363	4,842	-521	-10%
	Criminal	784	610	-174	-22%	909	601	-308	-34%
	Small Claims	219	161	-58	-26%	299	182	-117	-39%
	Civil	98	89	-9	-9%	131	100	-31	-24%
	Juvenile	193	83	-110	-57%	190	99	-91	-48%
	Child Support	401	344	-57	-14%	464	410	-54	-12%
	Total	7,162	6,805	-357	-5%	7,356	6,234	-1,122	-15%
Macon	Traffic	4,216	3,991	-225	-5%	4,480	4,075	-405	-9%
	Criminal	634	614	-20	-3%	661	554	-107	-16%
	Small Claims	489	347	-142	-29%	461	730	269	58%
	Civil	182	157	-25	-14%	193	206	13	7%
	Juvenile	310	174	-136	-44%	536	157	-379	-71%
	Child Support	266	385	119	45%	297	306	9	3%
	Total	6,097	5,668	-429	-7%	6,628	6,028	-600	-9%

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County	Jurisdiction	Cases Filed		Change 2010-2011		Cases Disposed		Change 2010-2011	
		2010	2011	# +/-	%	2010	2011	# +/-	%
Madison	Traffic	22,228	19,911	-2,317	-10%	22,477	21,244	-1,233	-5%
	Criminal	9,720	8,652	-1,068	-11%	10,160	-9,242	-918	-9%
	Small Claims	6,654	5,153	-1,501	-23%	7,530	5,220	-2,310	-31%
	Civil	4,100	4,112	12	0%	3,969	3,823	-146	-4%
	Juvenile	2,020	2,013	-7	0%	2,372	1,808	-564	-24%
	Child Support	1,508	1,130	-378	-25%	1,318	1,424	106	8%
	Total	46,230	40,971	-5,259	-11%	47,826	42,761	-5,065	-11%
Marengo	Traffic	4,955	3,420	-1,535	-31%	4,673	3,470	-1,203	-26%
	Criminal	984	800	-184	-19%	955	723	-232	-24%
	Small Claims	622	398	-224	-36%	567	346	-221	-39%
	Civil	145	116	-29	-20%	137	119	-18	-13%
	Juvenile	340	248	-92	-27%	321	287	-34	-11%
	Child Support	431	370	-61	-14%	416	327	-89	-21%
	Total	7,477	5,352	-2,125	-28%	7,069	5,272	-1,797	-25%
Marion	Traffic	9,660	7,283	-2,377	-25%	9,737	7,463	-2,274	-23%
	Criminal	1,601	1,631	30	2%	1,509	1,582	73	5%
	Small Claims	531	473	-58	-11%	481	413	-68	-14%
	Civil	176	172	-4	-2%	170	143	-27	-16%
	Juvenile	385	280	-105	-27%	363	261	-102	-28%
	Child Support	360	306	-54	-15%	329	319	-10	-3%
	Total	12,713	10,145	-2,568	-20%	12,589	10,181	-2,408	-19%
Marshall	Traffic	16,477	15,185	-1,292	-8%	15,684	15,504	-180	-1%
	Criminal	2,198	2,249	51	2%	2,287	2,019	-268	-12%
	Small Claims	1,691	1,228	-463	-27%	1,819	1,058	-761	-42%
	Civil	722	659	-63	-9%	727	554	-173	-24%
	Juvenile	1,638	1,263	-375	-23%	1,798	1,158	-640	-36%
	Child Support	604	726	122	20%	553	782	229	41%
	Total	23,330	21,310	-2,020	-9%	22,868	21,075	-1,793	-8%
Mobile	Traffic	45,171	39,748	-5,423	-12%	47,646	39,682	-7,964	-17%
	Criminal	14,636	13,857	-779	-5%	15,224	14,284	-940	-6%
	Small Claims	8,868	7,742	-1,126	-13%	10,040	8,864	-1,176	-12%
	Civil	4,730	4,843	113	2%	5,311	5,077	-234	-4%
	Total	73,405	66,190	-7,215	-10%	78,221	67,907	-10,314	-13%
Monroe	Traffic	2,942	2,466	-476	-16%	2,686	2,364	-322	-12%
	Criminal	648	767	119	18%	661	703	42	6%
	Small Claims	677	666	-11	-2%	553	623	70	13%
	Civil	163	137	-26	-16%	135	146	11	8%
	Juvenile	379	438	59	16%	360	432	72	20%
	Child Support	263	215	-48	-18%	233	110	-123	-53%
	Total	5,072	4,689	-383	-8%	4,628	4,378	-250	-5%
Montgomery	Traffic	22,084	19,088	-2,996	-14%	22,123	20,384	-1,739	-8%
	Criminal	3,916	4,158	242	6%	3,867	4,189	322	8%
	Small Claims	8,520	8,885	365	4%	8,723	8,896	173	2%
	Civil	4,381	4,261	-120	-3%	4,321	4,591	270	6%
	Total	38,901	36,392	-2,509	-6%	39,034	38,060	-974	-2%
Morgan	Traffic	12,590	12,414	-176	-1%	12,736	12,198	-538	-4%
	Criminal	3,527	2,713	-814	-23%	3,502	2,876	-626	-18%
	Small Claims	2,143	2,018	-125	-6%	2,361	2,007	-354	-15%
	Civil	1,100	946	-154	-14%	1,079	987	-92	-9%
	Juvenile	1,292	1,227	-65	-5%	1,333	1,249	-84	-6%
	Child Support	912	750	-162	-18%	912	946	34	4%
	Total	21,564	20,068	-1,496	-7%	21,923	20,263	-1,660	-8%

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County	Jurisdiction	Cases Filed		Change 2010-2011		Cases Disposed		Change 2010-2011	
		2010	2011	# +/-	%	2010	2011	# +/-	%
Perry	Traffic	2,321	1,708	-613	-26%	2,210	1,763	-447	-20%
	Criminal	273	264	-9	-3%	311	265	-46	-15%
	Small Claims	144	322	178	124%	152	223	71	47%
	Civil	58	54	-4	-7%	55	71	16	29%
	Juvenile	60	22	-38	-63%	73	27	-46	-63%
	Child Support	463	593	130	28%	573	498	-75	-13%
	Total	3,319	2,963	-356	-11%	3,374	2,847	-527	-16%
Pickens	Traffic	3,402	1,882	-1,520	-45%	3,593	2,038	-1,555	-43%
	Criminal	833	766	-67	-8%	845	807	-38	-4%
	Small Claims	270	246	-24	-9%	282	220	-62	-22%
	Civil	95	86	-9	-9%	110	75	-35	-32%
	Juvenile	216	233	17	8%	284	225	-59	-21%
	Child Support	405	480	75	19%	394	441	47	12%
	Total	5,221	3,693	-1,528	-29%	5,508	3,806	-1,702	-31%
Pike	Traffic	7,948	7,112	-836	-11%	8,233	7,396	-837	-10%
	Criminal	736	924	188	26%	783	888	105	13%
	Small Claims	1,277	1,036	-241	-19%	1,246	1,041	-205	-16%
	Civil	270	279	9	3%	252	275	23	9%
	Juvenile	342	396	54	16%	351	370	19	5%
	Child Support	423	337	-86	-20%	437	309	-128	-29%
	Total	10,996	10,084	-912	-8%	11,302	10,279	-1,023	-9%
Randolph	Traffic	1,554	1,282	-272	-18%	1,415	1,447	32	2%
	Criminal	858	979	121	14%	829	982	153	18%
	Small Claims	464	417	-47	-10%	492	429	-63	-13%
	Civil	129	127	-2	-2%	122	127	5	4%
	Juvenile	152	180	28	18%	152	173	21	14%
	Child Support	138	126	-12	-9%	131	167	36	27%
	Total	3,295	3,111	-184	-6%	3,141	3,325	184	6%
Russell	Traffic	6,016	7,853	1,837	31%	6,129	7,858	1,729	28%
	Criminal	2,168	2,033	-135	-6%	2,141	2,044	-97	-5%
	Small Claims	1,502	1,174	-328	-22%	1,551	1,177	-374	-24%
	Civil	790	838	48	6%	832	853	21	3%
	Juvenile	1,178	929	-249	-21%	1,044	950	-94	-9%
	Child Support	769	750	-19	-2%	884	885	1	0%
	Total	12,423	13,577	1,154	9%	12,581	13,767	1,186	9%
St. Clair—Ashville	Traffic	3,617	2,949	-668	-18%	3,556	2,925	-631	-18%
	Criminal	759	608	-151	-20%	774	622	-152	-20%
	Small Claims	412	292	-120	-29%	404	326	-78	-19%
	Civil	270	198	-72	-27%	221	238	17	8%
	Juvenile	265	253	-12	-5%	283	265	-18	-6%
	Child Support	93	127	34	37%	56	65	9	16%
	Total	5,416	4,427	-989	-18%	5,294	4,441	-853	-16%
St. Clair—Pell City	Traffic	7,554	11,922	4,368	58%	6,271	11,331	5,060	81%
	Criminal	1,355	1,150	-205	-15%	1,425	1,141	-284	-20%
	Small Claims	987	780	-207	-21%	927	858	-69	-7%
	Civil	454	382	-72	-16%	456	393	-63	-14%
	Juvenile	706	661	-45	-6%	893	618	-275	-31%
	Child Support	196	200	4	2%	188	149	-39	-21%
	Total	11,252	15,095	3,843	34%	10,160	14,490	4,330	43%



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		2010	2011	# +/-	%	2010	2011	# +/-	%
St. Clair	Traffic	11,171	14,871	3,700	33%	9,827	14,256	4,429	45%
	Criminal	2,114	1,758	-356	-17%	2,199	1,763	-436	-20%
	Small Claims	1,399	1,072	-327	-23%	1,331	1,184	-147	-11%
	Civil	724	580	-144	-20%	677	631	-46	-7%
	Juvenile	971	914	-57	-6%	1,176	883	-293	-25%
	Child Support	289	327	38	13%	244	214	-30	-12%
	Total	16,668	19,522	2,854	17%	15,454	18,931	3,477	22%
Shelby	Traffic	17,115	14,847	-2,268	-13%	17,494	14,684	-2,810	-16%
	Criminal	6,492	5,540	-952	-15%	6,540	5,488	-1,052	-16%
	Small Claims	2,574	2,219	-355	-14%	2,208	2,266	58	3%
	Civil	1,852	1,628	-224	-12%	1,504	2,198	694	46%
	Juvenile	1,508	1,486	-22	-1%	1,505	1,584	79	5%
	Child Support	830	686	-144	-17%	730	538	-192	-26%
	Total	30,371	26,406	-3,965	-13%	29,981	26,758	-3,223	-11%
Sumter	Traffic	4,589	2,706	-1,883	-41%	5,293	2,665	-2,628	-50%
	Criminal	472	405	-67	-14%	487	432	-55	-11%
	Small Claims	151	116	-35	-23%	141	116	-25	-18%
	Civil	70	34	-36	-51%	70	39	-31	-44%
	Juvenile	38	38	0	0%	61	26	-35	-57%
	Child Support	330	263	-67	-20%	299	281	-18	-6%
	Total	5,650	3,562	-2,088	-37%	6,351	3,559	-2,792	-44%
Talladega—Sylacauga	Traffic	3,313	3,096	-217	-7%	3,303	2,969	-334	-10%
	Criminal	1,228	1,349	121	10%	1,193	1,192	-1	0%
	Small Claims	856	825	-31	-4%	966	801	-165	-17%
	Civil	319	297	-22	-7%	275	355	80	29%
	Juvenile	390	391	1	0%	370	406	36	10%
	Child Support	314	370	56	18%	289	703	414	143%
	Total	6,420	6,328	-92	-1%	6,396	6,426	30	0%
Talladega—Talladega	Traffic	8,440	10,391	1,951	23%	9,761	9,469	-292	-3%
	Criminal	1,194	1,611	417	35%	1,247	1,299	52	4%
	Small Claims	977	854	-123	-13%	727	774	47	6%
	Civil	359	323	-36	-10%	285	329	44	15%
	Juvenile	345	349	4	1%	374	367	-7	-2%
	Child Support	482	408	-74	-15%	452	366	-86	-19%
	Total	11,797	13,936	2,139	18%	12,846	12,604	-242	-2%
Talladega	Traffic	11,753	13,487	1,734	15%	13,064	12,438	-626	-5%
	Criminal	2,422	2,960	538	22%	2,440	2,491	51	2%
	Small Claims	1,833	1,679	-154	-8%	1,693	1,575	-118	-7%
	Civil	678	620	-58	-9%	560	684	124	22%
	Juvenile	735	740	5	1%	744	773	29	4%
	Child Support	796	778	-18	-2%	741	1,069	328	44%
	Total	18,217	20,264	2,047	11%	19,242	19,030	-212	-1%
Tallapoosa—Alexander City	Traffic	2,896	2,257	-639	-22%	2,323	1,813	-510	-22%
	Criminal	1,104	1,020	-84	-8%	1,046	947	-99	-9%
	Small Claims	759	640	-119	-16%	655	574	-81	-12%
	Civil	304	327	23	8%	290	302	12	4%
	Juvenile	351	365	14	4%	360	353	-7	-2%
	Child Support	223	216	-7	-3%	190	143	-47	-25%
	Total	5,637	4,825	-812	-14%	4,864	4,132	-732	-15%

# DISTRICT COURT CASELOAD STATISTICS, FY 2010 & 2011

County	Jurisdiction	Cases Filed		Change 2010-2011		Cases Disposed		Change 2010-2011	
		2010	2011	# +/-	%	2010	2011	# +/-	%
Tallapoosa—Dadeville	Traffic	4,793	3,104	-1,689	-35%	3,996	4,008	12	0%
	Criminal	935	862	-73	-8%	852	852	0	0%
	Small Claims	362	269	-93	-26%	326	301	-25	-8%
	Civil	152	122	-30	-20%	130	108	-22	-17%
	Juvenile	310	249	-61	-20%	310	281	-29	-9%
	Child Support	128	151	23	18%	157	80	-77	-49%
	<b>Total</b>	<b>6,680</b>	<b>4,757</b>	<b>-1,923</b>	<b>-29%</b>	<b>5,771</b>	<b>5,630</b>	<b>-141</b>	<b>-2%</b>
Tallapoosa	Traffic	7,689	5,361	-2,328	-30%	6,319	5,821	-498	-8%
	Criminal	2,039	1,882	-157	-8%	1,898	1,799	-99	-5%
	Small Claims	1,121	909	-212	-19%	981	875	-106	-11%
	Civil	456	449	-7	-2%	420	410	-10	-2%
	Juvenile	661	614	-47	-7%	670	634	-36	-5%
	Child Support	351	367	16	5%	347	223	-124	-36%
	<b>Total</b>	<b>12,317</b>	<b>9,582</b>	<b>-2,735</b>	<b>-22%</b>	<b>10,635</b>	<b>9,762</b>	<b>-873</b>	<b>-8%</b>
Tuscaloosa	Traffic	35,383	30,258	-5,125	-14%	37,971	29,915	-8,056	-21%
	Criminal	6,958	6,459	-499	-7%	6,927	6,242	-685	-10%
	Small Claims	4,690	3,675	-1,015	-22%	4,461	3,858	-603	-14%
	Civil	2,067	2,143	76	4%	2,046	1,810	-236	-12%
	<b>Total</b>	<b>49,098</b>	<b>42,535</b>	<b>-6,563</b>	<b>-13%</b>	<b>51,405</b>	<b>41,825</b>	<b>-9,580</b>	<b>-19%</b>
Walker	Traffic	11,021	8,057	-2,964	-27%	10,610	8,479	-2,131	-20%
	Criminal	2,972	2,228	-744	-25%	2,049	1,717	-332	-16%
	Small Claims	1,386	1,191	-195	-14%	1,278	1,058	-220	-17%
	Civil	633	535	-98	-15%	608	473	-135	-22%
	Child Support	339	329	-10	-3%	233	252	19	8%
	<b>Total</b>	<b>16,351</b>	<b>12,340</b>	<b>-4,011</b>	<b>-25%</b>	<b>14,778</b>	<b>11,979</b>	<b>-2,799</b>	<b>-19%</b>
Washington	Traffic	3,406	3,484	78	2%	3,579	3,440	-139	-4%
	Criminal	928	843	-85	-9%	946	853	-93	-10%
	Small Claims	385	324	-61	-16%	377	300	-77	-20%
	Civil	96	78	-18	-19%	91	79	-12	-13%
	Juvenile	116	90	-26	-22%	108	89	-19	-18%
	Child Support	272	312	40	15%	242	256	14	6%
	<b>Total</b>	<b>5,203</b>	<b>5,131</b>	<b>-72</b>	<b>-1%</b>	<b>5,343</b>	<b>5,017</b>	<b>-326</b>	<b>-6%</b>
Wilcox	Traffic	1,955	1,827	-128	-7%	1,795	1,687	-108	-6%
	Criminal	586	786	200	34%	492	519	27	5%
	Small Claims	286	288	2	1%	271	173	-98	-36%
	Civil	78	54	-24	-31%	92	47	-45	-49%
	Juvenile	121	111	-10	-8%	258	192	-66	-26%
	Child Support	314	340	26	8%	227	721	494	218%
	<b>Total</b>	<b>3,340</b>	<b>3,406</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>2%</b>	<b>3,135</b>	<b>3,339</b>	<b>204</b>	<b>7%</b>
Winston	Traffic	2,960	3,591	631	21%	2,983	3,649	666	22%
	Criminal	1,129	1,115	-14	-1%	1,235	1,116	-119	-10%
	Small Claims	326	210	-116	-36%	300	255	-45	-15%
	Civil	116	112	-4	-3%	116	116	0	0%
	Juvenile	196	197	1	1%	351	167	-184	-52%
	Child Support	202	182	-20	-10%	186	184	-2	-1%
	<b>Total</b>	<b>4,929</b>	<b>5,407</b>	<b>478</b>	<b>10%</b>	<b>5,171</b>	<b>5,487</b>	<b>316</b>	<b>6%</b>

# DISTRICT COURT CASELOAD STATISTICS, FY 2010 & 2011

STATEWIDE DISTRICT COURT TOTALS									
County	Jurisdiction	Cases Filed		Change 2010-2011		Cases Disposed		Change 2010-2011	
		2010	2011	# +/-	%	2010	2011	# +/-	%
Statewide	Traffic	639,412	556,097	-83,315	-13%	639,748	564,784	-74,964	-12%
	Criminal	165,761	156,383	-9,378	-6%	165,562	155,381	-10,181	-6%
	Small Claims	111,656	94,906	-16,750	-15%	112,898	99,549	-13,349	-12%
	Civil	52,007	49,462	-2,545	-5%	53,958	51,181	-2,777	-5%
	Juvenile	28,660	25,421	-3,239	-11%	30,218	24,786	-5,432	-18%
	Child Support	24,767	23,789	-978	-4%	24,014	25,134	1,120	5%
	Total	1,022,263	906,058	-116,205	-11%	1,026,398	920,815	-105,583	-10%

# JURY TRIALS AS A PERCENT OF CASE DISPOSITIONS FY 2010 & 2011

Circuit	Counties	FY 2010 Criminal			FY 2010 Civil			FY 2011 Criminal			FY 2011 Civil		
		Trials	Dispositions	%	Trials	Dispositions	%	Trials	Dispositions	%	Trials	Dispositions	%
1st	Choctaw, Clarke, & Washington	5	1,140	0.43%	2	623	0.32%	5	992	0.50%	1	520	0.19%
2nd	Butler, Crenshaw, & Lowndes	18	810	2.22%	3	359	0.83%	11	772	1.42%	3	419	0.71%
3rd	Barbour & Bullock	5	609	0.82%	1	315	0.31%	2	668	0.29%	2	278	0.71%
4th	Bibb, Dallas, Hale, Perry, & Wilcox	12	1291	0.92%	7	978	0.71%	14	1,086	1.28%	18	1,044	1.72%
5th	Chambers, Macon, Randolph, & Tallapoosa	25	1,671	1.49%	6	1,223	0.49%	32	1,850	1.72%	13	1,029	1.26%
6th	Tuscaloosa	48	4,558	1.05%	13	2,123	0.61%	30	4,012	0.74%	8	1,838	0.43%
7th	Calhoun & Cleburne	28	3,590	0.77%	6	1,118	0.53%	24	3,916	0.61%	11	981	1.12%
8th	Morgan	57	2,161	2.63%	7	1,018	0.68%	37	2,118	1.74%	3	910	0.32%
9th	Cherokee & DeKalb	10	1,487	0.67%	4	729	0.54%	1	1,561	0.06%	7	541	1.29%
10th	Jefferson (Birmingham)	218	6,173	3.53%	87	7,991	1.08%	160	5,221	3.06%	76	7,644	0.99%
10th	Jefferson (Bessemer)	33	2,238	1.47%	17	1,354	1.25%	12	2,068	0.58%	12	1,554	0.77%
11th	Lauderdale	20	873	2.29%	11	579	1.89%	35	922	3.79%	5	524	0.95%
12th	Coffee & Pike	29	1,865	1.55%	11	866	1.27%	25	1,929	1.29%	7	843	0.83%
13th	Mobile	120	8,683	1.38%	40	4,565	0.87%	107	9,071	1.17%	40	4,555	0.87%
14th	Walker	7	685	1.02%	7	631	1.10%	5	592	0.84%	4	698	0.57%
15th	Montgomery	73	2,651	2.75%	16	3,797	0.42%	63	2,360	2.66%	22	3,481	0.63%
16th	Etowah	18	2,048	0.87%	13	1,327	0.97%	20	2,256	0.88%	10	1,324	0.75%
17th	Greene, Marengo & Sumter	8	424	1.88%	5	378	1.32%	12	479	2.50%	5	345	1.44%
18th	Shelby	20	1,755	1.13%	7	2,323	0.30%	29	1,554	1.86%	10	2,027	0.49%
19th	Autauga, Chilton, & Elmore	37	1,951	1.89%	9	1,658	0.54%	12	1,739	0.69%	7	1,700	0.41%
20th	Henry & Houston	227	3,560	6.37%	6	1,466	0.40%	229	3,232	7.08%	6	1,548	0.38%
21st	Escambia	6	861	0.69%	0	419	0.00%	6	904	0.66%	1	350	0.28%
22nd	Covington	18	693	2.59%	5	291	1.71%	16	861	1.85%	2	287	0.69%
23rd	Madison	56	10,275	0.54%	26	3,136	0.82%	46	9,495	0.48%	33	3,256	1.01%
24th	Fayette, Lamar, & Pickens	1	1,523	0.06%	1	361	0.27%	1	1,207	0.08%	5	361	1.38%
25th	Marion & Winston	7	969	0.72%	6	470	1.27%	13	998	1.30%	5	489	1.02%
26th	Russell	29	1,595	1.81%	2	511	0.39%	70	1,720	4.06%	1	428	0.23%
27th	Marshall	4	1,794	0.22%	5	856	0.58%	2	1,477	0.13%	5	659	0.75%
28th	Baldwin	88	4,456	1.97%	23	2,489	0.92%	74	4,195	1.76%	24	2,414	0.99%
29th	Talladega	34	1,122	3.03%	6	841	0.71%	30	917	3.27%	3	898	0.33%
30th	St. Clair	4	1,293	0.30%	5	1,024	0.48%	4	1,140	0.35%	6	980	0.61%
31st	Colbert	19	684	2.77%	12	478	2.51%	4	607	0.65%	8	419	1.90%
32nd	Cullman	8	908	0.88%	5	661	0.75%	5	610	0.81%	1	552	0.18%
33rd	Dale & Geneva	26	1,380	1.88%	5	563	0.88%	16	1,376	1.16%	1	547	0.18%
34th	Franklin	5	671	0.74%	1	309	0.32%	6	495	1.21%	3	297	1.01%
35th	Conceh & Monroe	0	374	0.00%	6	390	1.53%	2	446	0.44%	6	315	1.90%
36th	Lawrence	10	822	1.21%	4	267	1.49%	5	832	0.60%	2	173	1.15%
37th	Lee	25	1,581	1.58%	10	1,154	0.86%	22	1,600	1.37%	8	1,294	0.61%
38th	Jackson	5	1,482	0.33%	3	377	0.79%	9	1,737	0.51%	3	354	0.84%
39th	Limestone	2	1,014	0.19%	3	593	0.50%	1	869	0.11%	4	611	0.65%
40th	Clay & Coosa	6	563	1.06%	3	179	1.67%	10	574	1.74%	0	237	0.00%
41st	Blount	16	698	2.29%	5	480	1.04%	5	485	1.03%	2	442	0.45%
Statewide Totals		1,387	84,981	1.63%	414	51,270	0.81%	1,212	80,943	1.50%	393	49,166	0.80%

# JURY EXPENSES FY 2007—FY 2011

Circuit	Counties	FY 2007		FY 2008		FY 2009		FY 2010		FY 2011	
		Trials	Expenses	Trials	Expenses	Trials	Expenses	Trials	Expenses	Trials	Expenses
1st	Choctaw, Clarke, & Washington	16	\$19,870	12	\$23,940	10	\$23,610	7	\$19,610	6	\$19,300
2nd	Butler, Crenshaw, & Lowndes	18	\$9,650	19	\$10,920	17	\$9,400	21	\$10,000	14	\$9,410
3rd	Barbour & Bullock	6	\$8,910	10	\$6,800	9	\$8,650	6	\$3,270	4	\$2,780
4th	Bibb, Dallas, Hale, Perry, & Wilcox	23	\$38,880	21	\$28,700	15	\$28,550	19	\$29,230	32	\$31,860
5th	Chambers, Macon, Randolph, & Tallapoosa	40	\$72,670	57	\$67,780	40	\$59,630	31	\$56,560	45	\$50,680
6th	Tuscaloosa	55	\$50,330	69	\$51,630	61	\$55,770	61	\$136,050	38	\$45,840
7th	Calhoun & Cleburne	31	\$41,470	35	\$34,310	38	\$37,330	34	\$33,430	35	\$31,070
8th	Morgan	88	\$76,110	49	\$37,350	62	\$38,910	64	\$35,840	40	\$24,990
9th	Cherokee & DeKalb	18	\$11,330	9	\$12,620	12	\$11,190	14	\$9,290	8	\$10,040
10th	Jefferson (Birmingham)	338	\$242,630	334	\$234,760	304	\$213,730	305	\$194,690	236	\$182,620
10th	Jefferson (Bessemer)	44	\$44,570	38	\$46,080	49	\$55,990	50	\$57,710	24	\$36,040
11th	Lauderdale	56	\$33,410	40	\$26,160	48	\$28,660	31	\$28,260	40	\$26,960
12th	Coffee & Pike	44	\$23,290	52	\$29,800	61	\$35,820	40	\$31,730	32	\$21,360
13th	Mobile	156	\$152,650	129	\$167,630	185	\$204,640	160	\$190,790	147	\$174,110
14th	Walker	9	\$10,940	16	\$30,420	9	\$30,400	14	\$24,490	9	\$29,430
15th	Montgomery	100	\$80,380	81	\$69,570	102	\$87,750	89	\$78,550	85	\$58,020
16th	Etowah	17	\$44,790	57	\$55,250	47	\$61,530	31	\$58,830	30	\$38,110
17th	Greene, Marengo & Sumter	24	\$15,980	27	\$17,140	14	\$49,140	13	\$14,290	17	\$15,380
18th	Shelby	25	\$30,130	19	\$18,480	27	\$23,100	27	\$30,400	39	\$32,700
19th	Autauga, Chilton, & Elmore	40	\$40,380	62	\$40,940	50	\$32,650	46	\$23,940	19	\$18,100
20th	Henry & Houston	121	\$113,520	129	\$91,510	192	\$122,230	233	\$130,160	235	\$118,870
21st	Escambia	9	\$12,270	1	\$6,440	10	\$10,490	6	\$9,580	7	\$7,490
22nd	Covington	33	\$19,430	31	\$16,940	24	\$16,800	23	\$13,740	18	\$10,760
23rd	Madison	69	\$69,470	43	\$63,930	97	\$76,400	82	\$76,280	79	\$66,150
24th	Fayette, Lamar, & Pickens	3	\$11,630	2	\$7,580	2	\$8,570	2	\$10,460	6	\$10,720
25th	Marion & Winston	19	\$15,890	17	\$15,990	12	\$13,940	13	\$12,810	18	\$15,200
26th	Russell	39	\$18,200	63	\$24,280	34	\$18,810	31	\$13,290	71	\$24,210
27th	Marshall	7	\$31,420	9	\$34,340	12	\$35,630	9	\$34,610	7	\$26,100
28th	Baldwin	100	\$62,560	140	\$61,760	138	\$71,670	111	\$71,570	98	\$61,850
29th	Talladega	37	\$18,220	49	\$18,470	43	\$17,460	40	\$19,320	33	\$12,750
30th	St. Clair	15	\$55,380	18	\$26,410	14	\$19,080	9	\$11,610	10	\$7,240
31st	Colbert	11	\$16,830	11	\$14,440	12	\$15,170	31	\$20,790	12	\$16,150
32nd	Cullman	15	\$15,600	9	\$14,950	8	\$13,370	13	\$15,330	6	\$11,590
33rd	Dale & Geneva	16	\$19,550	23	\$23,920	27	\$29,450	31	\$22,930	17	\$16,350
34th	Franklin	15	\$9,400	17	\$10,110	6	\$13,150	6	\$6,980	9	\$8,920
35th	Conecuh & Monroe	7	\$10,630	11	\$8,810	7	\$8,830	6	\$9,120	8	\$6,960
36th	Lawrence	10	\$6,800	9	\$5,750	13	\$12,400	14	\$13,020	7	\$8,630
37th	Lee	55	\$35,770	38	\$35,460	50	\$34,640	35	\$34,420	30	\$20,910
38th	Jackson	5	\$9,600	4	\$13,740	6	\$13,100	8	\$15,500	12	\$11,830
39th	Limestone	4	\$8,860	5	\$9,860	5	\$7,240	5	\$9,930	5	\$7,860
40th	Clay & Coosa	10	\$6,270	9	\$5,330	13	\$5,210	9	\$5,630	10	\$5,410
41st	Blount	14	\$9,290	12	\$13,290	12	\$10,360	21	\$14,790	7	\$8,340
Statewide Totals		1,762	\$1,624,960	1,786	\$1,533,590	1,897	\$1,670,450	1,801	\$1,638,830	1,605	\$1,343,090

*Note: Includes jury trials which were commenced but in which no verdict was reached.*



# JURY COSTS PER TRIAL

## FY 2007—FY 2011

Circuit	Counties	FY 2007	FY 2008	FY 2009	FY 2010	FY 2011	Percent of Change	
							2007—2011	2010—2011
1st	Choctaw, Clarke, & Washington	\$1,242	\$1,995	\$2,361	\$2,801	\$3,217	159%	15%
2nd	Butler, Crenshaw, & Lowndes	\$536	\$575	\$553	\$476	\$672	25%	41%
3rd	Barbour & Bullock	\$1,485	\$680	\$961	\$545	\$695	-53%	28%
4th	Bibb, Dallas, Hale, Perry, & Wilcox	\$1,690	\$1,367	\$1,903	\$1,538	\$996	-41%	-35%
5th	Chambers, Macon, Randolph, & Tallapoosa	\$1,817	\$1,189	\$1,491	\$1,825	\$1,126	-38%	-38%
6th	Tuscaloosa	\$915	\$748	\$914	\$2,230	\$1,206	32%	-46%
7th	Calhoun & Cleburne	\$1,338	\$980	\$982	\$983	\$888	-34%	-10%
8th	Morgan	\$865	\$762	\$628	\$560	\$625	-28%	12%
9th	Cherokee & DeKalb	\$629	\$1,402	\$933	\$664	\$1,255	99%	89%
10th	Jefferson (Birmingham)	\$718	\$703	\$703	\$638	\$774	8%	21%
10th	Jefferson (Bessemer)	\$1,013	\$1,213	\$1,143	\$1,154	\$1,502	48%	30%
11th	Lauderdale	\$597	\$654	\$597	\$912	\$674	13%	-26%
12th	Coffee & Pike	\$529	\$573	\$587	\$793	\$668	26%	-16%
13th	Mobile	\$979	\$1,299	\$1,106	\$1192	\$1184	21%	-1%
14th	Walker	\$1,216	\$1,901	\$3,378	\$1,749	\$3,270	169%	87%
15th	Montgomery	\$804	\$859	\$860	\$883	\$683	-15%	-23%
16th	Etowah	\$2,635	\$969	\$1,309	\$1,898	\$1,270	-52%	-33%
17th	Greene, Marengo & Sumter	\$666	\$635	\$3,510	\$1,099	\$905	36%	-18%
18th	Shelby	\$1,205	\$973	\$856	\$1,126	\$838	-30%	-26%
19th	Autauga, Chilton, & Elmore	\$1,010	\$660	\$653	\$520	\$953	-6%	83%
20th	Henry & Houston	\$938	\$709	\$637	\$559	\$506	-46%	-9%
21st	Escambia	\$1,363	\$6,440	\$1,049	\$1,597	\$1,070	-22%	-33%
22nd	Covington	\$589	\$546	\$700	\$597	\$598	2%	0%
23rd	Madison	\$1,007	\$1,487	\$788	\$930	\$837	-17%	-10%
24th	Fayette, Lamar, & Pickens	\$3,877	\$3,790	\$4,285	\$5,230	\$1,787	-54%	-66%
25th	Marion & Winston	\$836	\$941	\$1,162	\$985	\$844	1%	-14%
26th	Russell	\$467	\$385	\$553	\$429	\$341	-27%	-20%
27th	Marshall	\$4,489	\$3,816	\$2,969	\$3,846	\$3,729	-17%	-3%
28th	Baldwin	\$626	\$441	\$519	\$645	\$631	1%	-2%
29th	Talladega	\$492	\$377	\$406	\$483	\$386	-22%	-20%
30th	St. Clair	\$3,692	\$1,467	\$1,363	\$1,290	\$724	-80%	-44%
31st	Colbert	\$1,530	\$1,313	\$1,264	\$671	\$1,346	-12%	101%
32nd	Cullman	\$1,040	\$1,661	\$1,671	\$1,179	\$1,932	86%	64%
33rd	Dale & Geneva	\$1,222	\$1,040	\$1,091	\$740	\$962	-21%	30%
34th	Franklin	\$627	\$595	\$2,192	\$1,163	\$991	58%	-15%
35th	Conecuh & Monroe	\$1,519	\$801	\$1,261	\$1,520	\$870	-43%	-43%
36th	Lawrence	\$680	\$639	\$954	\$930	\$1,233	81%	33%
37th	Lee	\$650	\$933	\$693	\$983	\$697	7%	-29%
38th	Jackson	\$1,920	\$3,435	\$2,183	\$1,938	\$986	-49%	-49%
39th	Limestone	\$2,215	\$1,972	\$1,448	\$1,986	\$1,572	-29%	-21%
40th	Clay & Coosa	\$627	\$592	\$401	\$626	\$541	-14%	-14%
41st	Blount	\$664	\$1,108	\$863	\$704	\$1,191	80%	69%
Statewide Averages		\$922	\$859	\$881	\$910	\$837	-9%	-8%

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Addison ( <i>Winston</i> )	758	7	292	50	349	6	255	30	291
Alabaster ( <i>Shelby</i> )	30,352	223	4,494	971	5,688	201	5,315	931	6,447
Anniston ( <i>Calhoun</i> )	23,106	207	8,217	3,044	11,468	233	8,284	3,085	11,602
Arab ( <i>Marshall</i> )	8,050	90	1,839	708	2,637	145	1,800	999	2,944
Ashford ( <i>Houston</i> )	2,148	10	387	46	443	0	364	0	364
Ashville ( <i>St. Clair</i> )	2,212	36	380	129	545	17	241	69	327
Atmore ( <i>Escambia</i> )	10,194	40	389	339	768	50	493	409	952
Attalla ( <i>Etowah</i> )	6,048	107	1,582	998	2,687	88	1,476	929	2,493
Auburn ( <i>Lee</i> )	53,380	407	23,619	3,729	27,755	448	22,444	3,642	26,534
Bay Minette ( <i>Baldwin</i> )	8,044	46	3,371	383	3,800	35	3,389	349	3,773
Bayou La Batre ( <i>Mobile</i> )	2,558	68	909	764	1,741	75	815	775	1,665
Berry ( <i>Fayette</i> )	1,148	3	107	39	149	2	129	44	175
Bessemer ( <i>Jefferson</i> )	27,456	90	6,109	4,678	10,877	126	6,424	5,039	11,589
Blountsville ( <i>Blount</i> )	1,684	13	995	180	1,188	13	937	160	1,110
Brantley ( <i>Crenshaw</i> )	809	0	1,281	30	1,311	0	998	2	1,000
Brewton ( <i>Escambia</i> )	5,408	89	1,818	392	2,299	72	1,890	400	2,362
Brookside ( <i>Jefferson</i> )	1,363	1	232	45	278	0	135	25	160
Brookwood ( <i>Tuscaloosa</i> )	1,828	2	128	46	176	2	82	18	102
Brundidge ( <i>Pike</i> )	2,076	13	665	104	782	11	579	100	690
Camden ( <i>Wilcox</i> )	2,020	14	209	123	346	2	10	16	28
Carbon Hill ( <i>Walker</i> )	2,021	12	299	104	415	12	175	82	269
Carrollton ( <i>Pickens</i> )	1,019	0	270	127	397	0	187	63	250
Centre ( <i>Cherokee</i> )	3,489	15	611	124	750	0	614	135	749
Clanton ( <i>Chilton</i> )	8,619	78	2,377	770	3,225	71	2,095	619	2,785
Clayhatchee ( <i>Dale</i> )	589	2	74	2	78	0	69	1	70
Clio ( <i>Barbour</i> )	1,399	2	413	26	441	1	311	28	340
Courtland ( <i>Lawrence</i> )	609	1	47	17	65	1	32	7	40
Dadeville ( <i>Tallapoosa</i> )	3,230	25	1,432	240	1,697	30	1,318	251	1,599
Daleville ( <i>Dale</i> )	5,295	64	2,277	392	2,733	85	2,316	389	2,790
Daphne ( <i>Baldwin</i> )	21,570	132	3,214	543	3,889	181	3,694	564	4,439
Decatur ( <i>Morgan</i> )	55,683	484	14,720	3,879	19,083	355	14,753	3,140	18,248
Double Springs ( <i>Winston</i> )	1,083	12	646	47	705	4	471	33	508
Douglas ( <i>Marshall</i> )	744	15	615	114	744	0	0	0	0
Dozier ( <i>Crenshaw</i> )	329	0	72	3	75	0	0	0	0
Elba ( <i>Coffee</i> )	3,940	13	1,211	160	1,384	17	1,265	188	1,470
Elberta ( <i>Baldwin</i> )	1,498	41	544	119	704	38	591	124	753
Enterprise ( <i>Coffee</i> )	26,562	183	3,595	900	4,678	185	3,632	870	4,687
Falkville ( <i>Morgan</i> )	1,279	13	1,030	77	1,120	10	986	71	1,067
Fayette ( <i>Fayette</i> )	4,619	32	1,165	244	1,441	32	1,191	248	1,471
Foley ( <i>Baldwin</i> )	14,618	315	5,222	1,981	7,518	302	5,220	1,964	7,486
Fort Payne ( <i>DeKalb</i> )	14,012	160	2,316	1,005	3,481	171	2,285	1,009	3,465
Fulton ( <i>Clarke</i> )	272	0	0	0	0	0	16	0	16

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Gadsden ( <i>Etowah</i> )	36,856	124	3,307	3,072	6,503	0	0	0	0
Gantt ( <i>Covington</i> )	222	1	227	25	253	2	190	21	213
Gardendale ( <i>Jefferson</i> )	13,893	30	1,461	812	2,303	29	1,485	921	2,435
Geraldine ( <i>DeKalb</i> )	896	4	248	37	289	1	218	35	254
Glencoe ( <i>Etowah</i> )	5,160	54	1,078	309	1,441	38	1,127	258	1,423
Gordo ( <i>Pickens</i> )	1,750	29	1,358	91	1,478	16	1,193	98	1,307
Gordon ( <i>Houston</i> )	332	0	386	2	388	0	519	1	520
Grant ( <i>Marshall</i> )	896	3	192	44	239	0	139	35	174
Hamilton ( <i>Marion</i> )	6,885	46	1,418	155	1,619	20	1,189	99	1,308
Hammondville ( <i>DeKalb</i> )	488	0	4	1	5	3	29	4	36
Hartford ( <i>Geneva</i> )	2,624	6	380	153	539	10	430	170	610
Helena ( <i>Shelby</i> )	16,793	65	3,210	531	3,806	82	3,111	468	3,661
Henagar ( <i>DeKalb</i> )	2,344	10	159	61	230	14	176	58	248
Hokes Bluff ( <i>Etowah</i> )	4,286	28	623	90	741	17	542	71	630
Homewood ( <i>Jefferson</i> )	25,167	165	8,009	1,893	10,067	110	7,465	1,843	9,418
Hueytown ( <i>Jefferson</i> )	16,105	99	2,983	1,678	4,760	131	2,968	1,432	4,531
Ider ( <i>DeKalb</i> )	723	17	308	62	387	6	266	48	320
Irondale ( <i>Jefferson</i> )	12,349	23	2,732	805	3,560	27	2,852	775	3,654
Jackson ( <i>Clarke</i> )	5,228	72	1,823	221	2,116	110	1,754	23	1,887
Jasper ( <i>Walker</i> )	14,352	66	1,427	3,375	4,868	70	1,722	3,446	5,238
Killen ( <i>Lauderdale</i> )	1,108	48	4,553	76	1,677	0	0	0	0
Leeds ( <i>Jefferson</i> )	11,773	22	1,201	1,022	2,245	31	1,339	1,000	2,370
Linden ( <i>Marengo</i> )	2,123	17	1,021	168	1,206	13	946	180	1,139
Lockhart ( <i>Covington</i> )	516	1	193	17	211	0	0	0	0
Madison ( <i>Madison</i> )	42,938	61	5,609	849	6,519	43	5,551	857	6,451
Midfield ( <i>Jefferson</i> )	5,365	14	482	314	810	11	0	0	11
Midland City ( <i>Dale</i> )	2,344	15	585	80	680	18	560	91	669
Millbrook ( <i>Elmore</i> )	14,640	74	2,335	539	2,948	100	2,376	805	3,278
Mobile ( <i>Mobile</i> )	195,111	441	55,708	15,847	71,996	440	54,217	13,917	68,574
Moundville ( <i>Hale</i> )	2,427	14	282	99	395	8	173	72	253
Napier Field ( <i>Dale</i> )	354	0	255	4	259	0	180	1	181
New Hope ( <i>Madison</i> )	2,810	15	381	106	502	13	361	58	432
Odenville ( <i>St. Clair</i> )	3,585	85	1,281	258	1,624	160	1,842	329	2,331
Ohatchee ( <i>Calhoun</i> )	1,170	4	1,717	31	1,752	6	1,538	42	1,586
Oneonta ( <i>Blount</i> )	6,567	37	1,183	453	1,673	59	1,249	537	1,845
Oxford ( <i>Calhoun</i> )	21,348	37	1,185	1,235	2,457	40	1,110	1,210	2,360
Parrish ( <i>Walker</i> )	982	0	342	183	525	0	203	109	312
Pell City ( <i>St. Clair</i> )	12,695	79	2,161	690	2,930	79	2,203	679	2,961
Phil Campbell ( <i>Franklin</i> )	1,148	7	37	39	83	4	20	26	50
Powell ( <i>DeKalb</i> )	955	4	241	22	267	2	112	5	119
Ragland ( <i>St. Clair</i> )	1,639	10	258	86	354	10	224	74	308
Red Bay ( <i>Franklin</i> )	3,158	39	342	193	574	37	331	179	547
Repton ( <i>Conecuh</i> )	282	0	222	0	222	0	63	0	63
Robertsdale ( <i>Baldwin</i> )	5,276	140	3,984	556	4,680	169	4,028	577	4,774

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Section ( <i>Jackson</i> )	770	9	419	75	503	4	374	68	446
Silas ( <i>Choctaw</i> )	452	1	26	0	27	2	38	0	40
Silverhill ( <i>Baldwin</i> )	706	18	751	138	907	10	680	18	708
Sipsey ( <i>Walker</i> )	437	2	58	8	68	0	3	2	5
Snead ( <i>Blount</i> )	835	53	962	158	1,173	42	777	137	956
Southside ( <i>Etowah</i> )	8,412	40	1,941	412	2,393	42	2,029	414	2,485
Springville ( <i>St. Clair</i> )	4,080	33	2,007	92	2,132	38	1,859	88	1,985
Steele ( <i>St. Clair</i> )	1,043	9	99	10	118	13	112	28	153
Stevenson ( <i>Jackson</i> )	2,046	28	175	199	402	31	217	199	447
Summerdale ( <i>Baldwin</i> )	862	6	3,422	117	3,545	16	2,926	147	3,089
Talladega ( <i>Talladega</i> )	15,676	82	3,139	1,189	4,410	76	3,140	1,164	4,380
Town Creek ( <i>Lawrence</i> )	1,100	15	1,537	165	1,717	12	1,272	98	1,382
Trinity ( <i>Morgan</i> )	2,095	33	747	86	866	13	552	30	595
Tuscumbia ( <i>Colbert</i> )	8,423	56	740	328	1,124	29	572	196	797
Vincent ( <i>Shelby</i> )	1,988	11	33	52	96	13	283	58	354
Statewide Totals		5,467	229,120	66,985	301,572	5,291	218,116	60,006	283,413







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